

**From:** [Andi Elliott](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Ms. Tamara Prisock... [External Email]  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2019 5:23:56 PM

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Rx: Birth Certificate

Dear Ms. Prisock,]

I like to think that Idaho doesn't follow "the crowd". We all know that being allowed to change your sex is simply not logical.

Idaho needs to remain a "voice of reason" and I urge you to nix the proposed change.

Respectfully,

Andi Elliott  
Hamer, ID  
662-5808

**From:** [Dorothy Rutherford](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Change? [External Email]  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 8:24:37 AM

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Changing gender on certificates of live birth seems ridiculous and is far from having any common sense. Please leave our documents alone and the rules are fine now. Fill our at birth with the sex we are born with. Whoever had a hand in the Idaho prisoner sex change will be on my list to vote “no” for. We don’t need these changes in our system.

Thank you,

Dorothy Rutherford  
241 Cavanaugh Bay Rd.  
Coolin, ID. 83821

**From:** [Gena Weyant](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Changing gender on birth certificates [External Email]  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2019 8:24:10 AM

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Science says X or Y chromosome makes you either a girl or boy.... there is no in between. Catering to a generation that has been raised to be soft told everything is good, you can do no wrong and everyone gets a trophy does not change the facts that you either have the X or Y and there are no other mix! Do not give in to the noisy minority which have no proof to their reasoning. Feelings are mental facts are facts.

Make the correct decision based on fact!

Thank you!  
Gena Weyant

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Georgia Ryan](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Birth Certificate Rule Hearing Statement [External Email]  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 4:08:36 AM

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Your gender is what you were born as biologically. How you self identify is irrelevant. This is a waste of our tax paying money.

As an Idaho citizen, I REQUEST THAT YOU DO NOT ALLOW THIS CHANGE to a person's birth certificate.

A Concerned Citizen,  
Georgia Ryan  
Blanchard, Idaho

**From:** [Ginger Verhaag](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Cc:** [dcheatham@senate.idaho.gov](mailto:dcheatham@senate.idaho.gov); [rmendive@house.idaho.gov](mailto:rmendive@house.idaho.gov); [twisniewski@house.idaho.gov](mailto:twisniewski@house.idaho.gov)  
**Subject:** Changing gender on certificates of live birth [External Email]  
**Date:** Sunday, September 15, 2019 8:19:08 PM

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Regarding the rule requiring an attestation by a medical or mental health professional to change the sex designation on the birth certificate of a minor. I cannot attend the meeting in Kootenai County on 9/20, but I want to make my voice heard. I absolutely support this rule.

Truth be told, I don't think this kind of change should be allowed to be made for a minor. I do not believe minors are mature enough to fully understand the impact of changing gender. However, it appears that will be allowed, so I would at least like SOME kind of professional evaluation and input before this kind of change is made for a minor.

Thank you,

Ginger Verhaag

Kootenai County resident

8363 W. Sunny Slopes Rd.

Worley, ID 83876

**From:** [Heike Jahnert](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Changing gender on birth certificates [External Email]  
**Date:** Saturday, September 7, 2019 1:36:10 PM

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Dear Committee,

A gender is assigned at conception to each person. No hormone treatment or sex operation can change a person's gender given at birth.

Just by thinking or wanting to be a different sex or even some altering of a persons appearance doesn't transform the person into a different sex.

Therefore I urge you NOT to allow minors and adults to be allowed to change their gender/sex on their birth certificate.

Sincerely

Heike Jahnert, Coeur d'Alene ID

**From:** [Howard Kuhns](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Changing gender on birth certificates [External Email]  
**Date:** Saturday, September 14, 2019 10:02:39 PM

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A person is either male (xy) or female (xx) from conception, and every cell of their body identifies them as such. Gender cannot be changed. If a person "identifies" as different than they are, they have a mental, emotional, and spiritual problem that needs to be addressed. Forcing society to accept their false perception as reality is not in the best interest of the individual or the society.

Howard Kuhns  
CDA  
208-215-5900

**From:** [Jeff Bohnhof](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Birth certificate [External Email]  
**Date:** Sunday, September 15, 2019 10:30:54 PM

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To whom it may concern

The upcoming changes to Idaho codes allowing transgender citizens to change the marker on their birth certificate is a vitally important issue. It will not only protect them from verbal and physical assault, it is important for their mental health.

Please move forward with this change and support all of Idahos citizens.

Best Regards

Jeff Bohnhof

**From:** [Jennie Johnson](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Changing gender on birth certificates [External Email]  
**Date:** Sunday, September 8, 2019 8:30:47 PM

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Dear Commissioners:

We relocated from Illinois to be a part of a state that still maintains logical scientific basic common sense values and policies. While this gender issue may be politically popular. It is absolutely ridiculous! Please do not change the birth certificates to accommodate the often young and immature parents' wishes in this regard. Children are born physically male (XY) or female (XX). The consequences of adopting this policy will be dangerous to say the least and very tragic for the children identified in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie E. Johnson, RN-BC, PhD  
8895 West Riverview Drive Coeur d' alene, ID 83814

**From:** [Jesse Sumpter](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Idaho Birth Certificate Rule Hearing [External Email]  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 5:19:27 PM

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Dear Idaho Department of Health & Welfare,

I understand that your department is receiving public input on permitting individuals to change their gender on certificates of live birth. I am unable to attend the public hearing that is scheduled for Lewiston on Thursday so I wanted to register my concerns and objections to allowing such changes.

As a Christian, a teacher, and an Idaho citizen, I share concern for those who are suffering confusion regarding their sexual identity. The mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical distress that are part of this confusion is huge and requires true help. People in these situations need counsel that speaks the truth about their biological sex and their physical identity. Counsel or therapy that suggests that their gender is different from their physical bodies is a lie and it is incredibly dangerous to their physical well-being.

It is a scientific fact that a person's biological sex is a fixed reality, regardless of a person's perception or feelings. The biological sex of a person is imprinted into the person's DNA and chromosomes. Changing the designation on a birth certificate does nothing to change the biological reality of a person's body. For the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to encourage this and allow doctors, nurses, counselors, psychologists, and legislators to lie to a person about this biological reality is harmful.

Allowing this change on a birth certificate also undermines true physical care for these people. A doctor who is unable to determine the physical gender of a person can do real harm to a patient. There are some diseases which are gender specific and so it is of utmost importance that a doctor know the true physical gender of a patient. If Idaho Health and Welfare allows for this change, then it means a doctor might be hindered in helping a patient and could cause great harm and damage. Idaho Health and Welfare should not be promoting physical harm to citizens of Idaho.

Above all, it is important to acknowledge that God has made us either male or female and birth certificates in our State have reflected this truth. Indeed, it is the duty of the State of Idaho to represent that fixed reality, that truth, in our documentation for truth's sake. The State no more has the right to classify a biological male as a female than it has the right to declare that the Sun is the color green. The State does not have the right to lie. To do so is to invite the judgment of Almighty God upon us.

If the Federal Government is being tyrannical and trying to force Idaho to allow such changes on our birth certificates, then I would urge Governor Little to appeal, first, to God, the Supreme Ruler over all men and nations, to have mercy upon our State and, second, to the Supreme Court of the United States to overturn such a wicked mandate. If States are refusing to obey the Federal Government regarding the legalization of marijuana (e.g. Washington, etc.), then certainly the State of Idaho can refuse the dictates of the Federal Government regarding the preservation of the truth on our birth certificates.

Therefore, I would like to urge you to continue to record the biological sex of individuals on

Idaho Certificates of Live Birth and not allow people to change them to something contrary.

Sincerely,  
Jesse Sumpter

Teacher  
Moscow, Idaho

Greetings,

I regret not being able to attend. Since Bonner County is not being granted its own hearing, and I work Monday through Friday, I will have to submit this written statement.

I am a Document Control Specialist for a medical device company. Documentation is a historical record of facts. When our company needs to make a change in our documentation, we must line out the original entry so it remains legible, the correction is written next to it with an explanation, then it must be initialed and dated. We cannot recreate a new document because we feel differently.

If we were to make changes to our documentation otherwise, the FDA would fine us and probably remove our certification.

This is why I find it outrageous that a court or a government would allow random changes to a document of record such as a birth certificate. That is rewriting history, there's no way around it.

If you allow changes of one entry such as gender, why not birth weight, parent's name, or race? What about birth date? I feel much younger and would like to change the year I was born. Or perhaps I feel like retiring early and start collecting my pension, so I would like to change my year of birth to reflect that.

Why only allow two genders? That would discriminate those who believe that are one of the other 57 "genders".

Doesn't that all sound ridiculous. Stop this nonsense. This is Idaho, not California.

Respectfully,

Kathy Rose

Sandpoint, ID

**From:** [Kathy Rose](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** public comment on proposed rule change: DOCKET NO. 16-0208-1801 [External Email]  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 7:31:12 AM  
**Attachments:** [birth cert.docx](#)

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Please see attached comment.

**From:** [Kenneth Harris](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Gender certificates [External Email]  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 4:28:28 PM

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Dear Idaho Department of Health & Welfare,

Good afternoon. It is my understanding that your department is receiving public input on permitting individuals to change their gender on certificates of live birth. I am unable to attend the public hearing here in Coeur d'Alene this Friday but wanted to take the time to register my concerns and objections to allowing such changes.

As a retired pastor and as a former LAPD sergeant in the State of California I share the concern of others in our community for those who are suffering confusion regarding their sexual identity. The mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical distress that accompany such confusion is monumental and these individuals need true help. They need to be counseled to reconcile their sexual identity with their biological sex. Any other sort of counsel or therapy is deceitful, encouraging the person to lie to themselves and others.

Regardless of one's personal perception of their sexual identity, their biological sex is a fixed reality. We have been created and born either male or female and birth certificates in our State have reflected this truth. Indeed, it is the duty of the State of Idaho to represent that fixed reality, that truth, in our documentation for truth's sake. The State no more has the right to classify a biological male as a female than it has the right to declare that dogs are cats and cats are dogs. The State does not have the right to lie. To do so will invite the judgment of Almighty God upon us.

If the Federal Government is endeavoring tyrannically to force our State to allow such changes on our birth certificates, then I would urge Governor Little to appeal, first, to God, the Supreme Ruler over all men and nations, to have mercy upon our State and, second, to the Supreme Court of the United States to overturn such a wicked mandate. If States are refusing the dictates of the Federal Government regarding the legalization of marijuana (which they are), then certainly the State of Idaho can refuse the dictates of the Federal Government regarding the preservation of the truth on our birth certificates.

Let me urge you, therefore, to continue to record the biological sex of individuals on Idaho Certificates of Live Birth. Such certificates should not be changed unless the biological sex was misrecorded.

Sincerely,  
Kenneth D. Harris  
32672 N. Sheep Springs Rd.  
Athol, Idaho 83801

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**From:** [Lynda Fioravanti](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Birth Certificate Meetings [External Email]  
**Date:** Sunday, September 8, 2019 2:14:45 AM

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Dear Tamara,

I am very disappointed in the State of Idaho disobeying their law in which each county that garnered enough signatures should have representatives from the state come to their county to hear our grievances. Having the birth certificate meeting at 9:00 am in Coeur d'Alene is mostly impossible for me to attend because I live passed Three Mile Corner in Bonners Ferry. Result, my voice does not get heard. This is government run a muck!

Our state of Idaho is little compared to California and New York. That's why our Founding Fathers gave us the Senate, to equal out the imbalance with population centers. You're doing the opposite thing by only have meetings in very large cities. This is not right. The State of Idaho did the same thing with the Common Core issue by not having a meeting here in Sandpoint or Bonners Ferry even though we had enough signatures. Obviously your meeting then is a dog and pony show in which they have no intention of changing their agenda. So sad to see this in Idaho!

I do not agree with people changing their birth certificates. The gender God gave them is what needs to stay on the birth certificate, otherwise, why have them in the first place? Somethings are sacred and should never be changed. I feel birth certificates is one of them.

Hope you'll consider my stance.

Wishing you the best,

Lynda

***Lynda Fioravanti***

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**From:** [Molly O'Reilly](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Changes allowed on birth certificates [External Email]  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 9:09:55 PM

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I strongly favor allowing individuals to alter their birth certificates to reflect the gender they have found appropriate for themselves.

Life is difficult enough for those without simple gender identities without saddling them with birth certificates that cause them legal or emotional harm.

A generation ago, my family legally changed the surname on three birth certificates of brothers who had been told they were O'Reilly when Reilly was their legal name at birth.

Sincerely,  
Marian O'Reilly  
413 St Clair  
Sandpoint ID 83864

**From:** [Nancy Cole](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Birth Certificate Gender Hearing [External Email]  
**Date:** Saturday, September 14, 2019 9:46:10 AM

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Dear DHW:

I am unable to attend the hearing on September 20th in Coeur d'Alene however I would like to state my opinion on the subject.

Society has only TWO biological sexes MALE and FEMALE. I am against changing birth certificates to anything else!!! PERIOD

Nancy and John Cole  
Cataldo, Idaho  
208-819-6586

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Pastor Paul D. Van Noy](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Biological sex of individuals on Idaho Certificates of Live Birth [External Email]  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 4:16:06 PM

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Idaho Department of Health & Welfare,

It is my understanding that your department is receiving public input on permitting individuals to change their gender on certificates of live birth. I may not be able to attend the public hearing here in Coeur d'Alene this Friday but wanted to take the time to voice my concerns and objections to allowing such changes.

As President of the Coeur d'Alene Ministerial Association, and as an active local pastor here in the State of Idaho, I share the concern of many in our community who care for those who are suffering confusion regarding their sexual identity. The mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical distress that accompany such confusion is monumental and these individuals need help. They need to be counseled to reconcile their sexual identity with their biological sex. Any other sort of counsel or therapy is deceitful.

Regardless of one's personal perception of their sexual identity, their biological sex is a fixed reality. We have been created and born either male or female and birth certificates in our State have reflected this truth. Indeed, it is the duty of the State of Idaho to represent that fixed reality, that truth, in our documentation for truth's sake. The State has no right to classify a biological male as a female not a female as male. The State does not have the right to lie nor does it have the right to endorse the mental illness manifested in this form of thinking.

If the Federal Government is endeavoring tyrannically to force our State to allow such changes on our birth certificates, then I would urge Governor Little to appeal, first, to God, the Supreme Ruler over all men and nations, to have mercy upon our State and, second, to the Supreme Court of the United States to overturn such a wicked mandate. If States are refusing the dictates of the Federal Government regarding the legalization of marijuana (which they are), then certainly the State of Idaho can refuse the dictates of the Federal Government regarding the preservation of the truth on our birth certificates.

Let me urge you, therefore, to continue to record the biological sex of individuals on Idaho Certificates of Live Birth. Such certificates should not be changed unless the biological sex was mistakenly recorded.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Van Noy, Pastor  
Candlelight Christian Fellowship, Coeur d'Alene  
Coeur d'Alene Ministerial Association, President

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**From:** [psk75999@aol.com](mailto:psk75999@aol.com)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Changing gender on certificates of live birth [External Email]  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2019 2:58:00 PM

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Hi, I will not be able to attend the meeting you are having on this subject, but wish to voice my opinion on this matter.

I am fully against changing genders on birth certificates for a few reasons;

1. For identification purposes, the state should know whether a person was born a male or female. Legally, the birth certificate will no longer be valid since it has been altered, or is inaccurate.
2. People are born the gender that they are born, genetically, this is not open for debate. A simple blood test verifies this.
3. Even though I am against this practice, it is only fair to the babies that their parents not be allowed to make this choice for them, especially before they, themselves, know how they identify. This is merely one more area where the selfish needs or whims of the adults are being considered over the rights of the child.
4. The groundwork is already in place for anyone who chooses to change their designation at a later date. So allow people the right to choose for themselves, when they are old enough to make that choice.  
"Notes: As of April 6, 2018, people who were born in Idaho can apply to change the indicator of sex on their birth certificate to match their gender identity. "

<https://www.lambdalegal.org/know-your-rights/article/trans-changing-birth-certificate-sex-designations>

Thank you for your time.  
Peggy K.

**From:** [RICHARD JOHNSON](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Gender changing. [External Email]  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 4:20:33 PM

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Dear Sirs,

The “gender” of a human being is simple. There is a “male” and a “Female”. Respectively, one has “male genitals” and the other has “Female genitals”. If one is misrepresenting, either for someone or for themselves the biological gender of said human, that would be a lie.

Bearing false witness is also a moral issue. When the State Government turns a blind eye to such practice it is dereliction of the oath sworn by all government officials.

I strongly object to any tampering or changes made to birth

certificates that would make this first document that all humans obtain at birth false or misleading.

Furthermore, the government officials that would further this abhorrent action or sanction it in anyway should resign from their

post immediately.

Richard Johnson  
Sandpoint Idaho

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Steve N](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Cc:** [Senator Patti Anne Lodge](#); [Representative Scott Syme](#); [Representative Tammy Nichols](#)  
**Subject:** Changing gender on certificates of live birth [External Email]  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 3:09:52 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am opposed to this idea and rule for a number of reasons:

- 1) This would never withstand a court review and I can assure you it will cost your organization a lot of money to defend against it.
- 2) Live birth documentation is a fact. Not subject to change.
- 3) If, and that is a very large if, this were implemented you would open a Pandora's Box of other issues. Not only would birth be an issue but ethnicity, family of origin, criminal records, prior financial records, and any other fact based item.
- 4) I'm unsure which of the rocket scientists in the DHW failed biology but you all really need to stick with the reality of who we are when born. To cater to such a tiny tiny minority of US Citizens really undermines the entire system of the human race. I honestly have no issue with anything another human being does, as long as it does no harm to another, to be more of who they really think they are, but change after the fact does not alter the state of origin.

I am also deeply disturbed by the arrogance you have displayed in even making these types of decisions. If it had not been for my legislator informed her constituency of your intentions this may have quietly slipped under the radar and irreparable harm done before the state woke up to this lunacy. I am further disturbed by your not scheduling a hearing in Canyon County where many of us expressed an interest in this issue. Be advised that none of you are permanent personnel and are subject to disciplinary action for egregious mistakes you make in the performance of your duties. And this is an egregious mistake.

I further encourage you to look more closely at your role in society as helpers and not as enablers of aberrant behavioral issues that do not concern you.

Submitted Respectfully,  
Steve A.Neff  
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Nampa, Idaho 83686  
208-371-6697

**From:** [Stuart Bryan](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Changing Gender on Certificates of Live Birth [External Email]  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 2:09:18 PM

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Dear Idaho Department of Health & Welfare,

Good afternoon. It is my understanding that your department is receiving public input on permitting individuals to change their gender on certificates of live birth. I am unable to attend the public hearing here in Coeur d'Alene this Friday but wanted to take the time to register my concerns and objections to allowing such changes.

As a pastor in the State of Idaho, I share the concern of others in our community for those who are suffering confusion regarding their sexual identity. The mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical distress that accompany such confusion is monumental and these individuals need true help. They need to be counseled to reconcile their sexual identity with their biological sex. Any other sort of counsel or therapy is deceitful, encouraging the person to lie to themselves and others.

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Let me urge you, therefore, to continue to record the biological sex of individuals on Idaho Certificates of Live Birth. Such certificates should not be changed unless the biological sex was mistakenly recorded.

Sincerely,

Stuart W. Bryan

*Pastor*

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*"Beware of ever aspiring to such purity that you do not want to seem to yourself, or to be, a sinner. For Christ dwells only in sinners."* Martin Luther

**From:** [warrenmuellerid](mailto:warrenmuellerid)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](mailto:DHWRules Mailbox)  
**Subject:** Regarding Gender Changes to Birth Certificates [External Email]  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 6:44:23 PM

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## Regarding Gender Changes to Birth Certificates

This makes about as much sense as my being able to change the color of my eyes as listed on my driver's license. In fact it makes less sense as a Birth Certificate is a record classified as a Vital Record, defined as " records of life events kept under governmental authority, including birth certificates, marriage licenses, and death certificates. In some jurisdictions, vital records may also include records of civil unions or domestic partnerships."

If we can make whimsical changes to such documents, why keep them in the first place?

The Birth Certificate is an important document used for many purposes in life. Some of these are,

- **Registering for School** – Many schools have a birth certificate among the requirements for registration. A birth certificate serves as a proof of identity and age. This assures that the student is actually who he or she says she is and is in the correct class based on age.
- **Obtaining a Driver's License** – Most states require a birth certificate to prove identity and age to obtain, and in some cases renew, a driver's license. You may want to talk with someone at the department of driver services first, but it never hurts to bring along the certificate as proof even if it is not required.
- **Marriage** – In some states, the marriage license process may involve proving identity by providing a birth certificate. This only makes sense because the marriage license is a very important document that is used for legal purposes beyond just getting married.
- **Signing Up for Sports** – Especially in youth sports, there is often an age requirement. This protects children from accidental injury by older kids. Since it is required, you may have to provide a proof of age, usually in the form of a certified birth certificate.
- **Travel** – You'll need a birth certificate as it's one of the requirements for obtaining a passport, of course. However, it is often used in other circumstances too. Many cruise lines require that passengers provide a birth certificate upon boarding, especially when a passport may not be required, so they can prove identity.
- **Social Security Card** – If you need a new copy of your social security card, you may be asked to furnish a copy of your birth certificate as well as another proof of identity.
- **General Identification** – You never know when you may need to provide additional proof of identity for a job, bank related issue or to obtain a mortgage. While you won't be asked to furnish your certificate on a daily basis, it may surprise you how often it is required.

Dependence on the Birth Certificate is predicated on the usefulness of the information it contains. Whimsical changes to that information reduces the value of the Certificate.

I respectfully request the State of Idaho to eliminate any mechanism that allows for changes such as Gender. It is a marker of who we are as determined at birth. That God created characteristic cannot be changed.

Warren Mueller  
Coeur d' Alene, Idaho

Sent with [ProtonMail](#) Secure Email.

**From:** [Willie Prawitz](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Changing gender on birth certificates [External Email]  
**Date:** Friday, September 6, 2019 6:35:09 PM

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We need to tell the truth. Whatever the sex is of a baby that is what should be on the certificate.

I am so worried about what is happening to our country. If the democrats who care only about themselves and not our country want to open our borders, support terror organizations, and disrespect our police officers they had better let us keep our guns for self protection. We will not be able to go anywhere without fear even the grocery store. We are well on our way.

Soon, there will be no police and anarchy will prevail.

Now, they think that Christians are crazy. What has happened to them?

Willie Prawitz

208-416-1234

Pastor of House of Faith

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**From:** [Amanda Walsh](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Gender & Vital Statistics [External Email]  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 10:51:42 PM

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I understand Idaho is considering changing the rules for gender assignment on birth certificates.

I cannot make the meeting here in Coeur d'Alene, but I would like to state my opposition to someone being able to officially change their gender on their records without having provided proof of gender reassignment surgery. I think it's important that records indicate the anatomical truth & not the feelings of a citizen.

Thank you,

Amanda Walsh

**From:** [Georgia Ryan](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Birth Certificate Rule Hearing Statement [External Email]  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 4:08:36 AM

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Your gender is what you were born as biologically. How you self identify is irrelevant. This is a waste of our tax paying money.

As an Idaho citizen, I REQUEST THAT YOU DO NOT ALLOW THIS CHANGE to a person's birth certificate.

A Concerned Citizen,  
Georgia Ryan  
Blanchard, Idaho

**From:** [Anne Wilder](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Birth Certificates [External Email]  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 4:15:53 PM

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To Whom it May Concern:

A birth certificate is a Legal Document, documenting all legal aspects of a human being when he/she is born. Allowing a person to change his or her birth certificate for ANY reason, sets a terrible precedent. Would that mean we could now change any legal document we want, based on "how we feel?" Should Shirley Temple have been able to change her date of birth on her birth certificate to coincide with Hollywood studios' claim of her age?

Allowing a person to change their birth certificate based on a neutering operation is a very bad idea. It not based on science, nor on any constitutional premise. Please, leave the birth certificate as it was intended to be: an accurate document of live birth, stating the accurate sex of the child at the time of birth..

Sincerely,

Anne Wilder  
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**Subject:** public hearings for Docket 16-0208-1901 [External Email]  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 8:42:51 AM

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Dear Division of Public Health,

I would like to make the following comment in regard to the public hearing on the ability to change gender identifier on certificates of birth. My comment is brief and I hope you will please consider it:

The State should never participate in assisting in fraud. Since gender is forensically determined by dna, confusing or obfuscating one's gender by falsifying documents is a fraud.

Thank you for considering my statement.

Sincerely,

Clark Albritton  
5818 N Isabella Drive  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815  
208-964-6545

**From:** [Corrie Puckett](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Transgender birth certificate [External Email]  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 1:17:02 PM

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To whom it may concern:

Allowing people to decide on their own if they are male or female and change their own birth certificate is absolutely ridiculous. This ruling should not be allowed. There is so scientific backing to a persons whim. Dr.'s are clearly able to tell at birth if you are male or female. People should not be allowed to decide.

Thank you,  
Corrie Puckett  
Kamiah, Idaho

**From:** [dani@warrennw.com](mailto:dani@warrennw.com)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** RE public hearings for Docket 16-0208-1901 (Changing the Gender Identifier on Certificates of Live Birth)  
[External Email]  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 1:03:57 PM

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Hello! I understand that this is being instituted due to a 2018 Federal Court ruling and request that if Idaho institutes a law for the change that it REQUIRES medical proof of sex reassignment surgery before allowing a change of gender on a birth certificate

Thank you!  
Danielle Mitchell  
208-818-0072

**From:** [The Keseloffs](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on DOCKET NO. 16-0208-1801 [External Email]  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 7:46:35 PM

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I think we would be making a mistake to cave to the current fad of thinking that there are 100+ genders. Biologically there are 2 genders. Typically they are obvious at birth, and the birth certificate should reflect the birth gender as observed by the attending physician.

Occasionally there is a baby born with ambiguous genitalia due to one of a few genetic conditions. If ANYONE was to be allowed to “change” their birth gender, I feel it should be someone born with one of these conditions. To do it for anyone else, who would be acting upon what they “FEEL” they are at present, is wrong. It could be a revolving door on their birth certificates. I feel like a girl today and MUST have my birth certificate changed. Tomorrow, I feel like a boy today and MUST have my birth certificate changed. Etcetera, etcetera... It would also prevent those attention seeking parents from doing harm to their children by trying to be trendy and make their babies (1 year olds, 2 year olds, 3 year olds – you get the point) transgender!

Official identification should also follow, showing the actual birth gender. Law enforcement, medical personnel, first responders – EMS, firefighters, should have accurate information about the person in front of them so that they can do their jobs properly.

Sincerely,

Deborah L Keseloff  
Sandpoint, Idaho

**From:** [Aydelotte, James](#)  
**To:** [Middlebrook, Trinette](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Birth Certificate Gender Alterations [External Email]  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 2:29:35 PM  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Idaho Vital Records <IVR@dhw.idaho.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 1:55 PM  
**To:** Aydelotte, James <James.Aydelotte@dhw.idaho.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Birth Certificate Gender Alterations [External Email]  
**Importance:** High

Another opinion received in the IVR e-mail regarding today's hearing.

*Kathy Anderson*

Program Manager

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*Idaho Department of Health and Welfare*

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**From:** Debbi <[ceadfa@gmail.com](mailto:ceadfa@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 1:51 PM  
**To:** Idaho Vital Records <[IVR@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:IVR@dhw.idaho.gov)>; [HScott@house.idaho.gov](mailto:HScott@house.idaho.gov)  
**Subject:** Birth Certificate Gender Alterations [External Email]

To: Idaho Department of Health & Welfare  
cc: Rep. Heather Scott

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Debra Matz  
Naples Idaho

**From:** [Edward Clark](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Gender Rules [External Email]  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 2:46:41 PM

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We are writing to comment on your new ruling that a parent can change their child's gender on their birth cert. We are both opposed to this new ruling. This is a form of child abuse and will only confuse an innocent child. Gender is a scientific fact, not a personal choice. It was predetermined before birth and is not subject to people's preferences nor choices.

**From:** [Hannah Zasadny](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Gender Identity Input [External Email]  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 9:06:05 AM

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Good morning,

My name is Hannah Zasadny and I am a wife and mother and three.

Today I am concerned about the future of both our health and our welfare, as a state and as a society, in regards to gender confusion and false identities.

I understand the desire to be accommodating to all people's, but my parents always told me that "if you try to make everyone happy, no one will be."  
In this specific case, I believe scientific truth and longstanding tradition should be our guide on whom to accommodate. I think it would both be unwise and societally harmful to allow people en-masse to lie about their birth sex.

Logistically speaking, I think medical professionals would be hindered in their abilities to properly diagnose and address sex-discriminating medical happenings, such as unexpected pregnancies, etc.

Logically speaking, I think this would add to even more confusion and true insanity would ensue. How am I supposed to raise my daughters with any amount of sanity and truthfulness and stability when men are not considered men and women are not considered women? And that our government, who is supposed to be "One Nation Under God" sanctioned both lying as well as denying our God-ordained sex. God hates lying, and it would be morally corrupting for me to follow this ruling. My religion prohibits it, and my religion is what this country was founded on, and I think that those beliefs should be respected and upheld, rather than discriminated against and legally outdated. Our nation was solemnly founded on Biblical principles and we were blessed greatly because of that. Now that those principles are being torn down and trampled upon, we will soon not even be the same country and those blessings may very well disappear.

Our future and our health and our welfare is in your hands.

Sincerely,  
Hannah Zasadny  
Wife  
Mother  
Idaho resident

**From:** [JOY SINCLAIR](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** The birth certificate proposed change [External Email]  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 9:19:03 PM

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**Dear Legislators, I am asking that you stop this change. God made us male & female, we should not tamper with his perfect work. I just heard a report that many thousands of people have been damaged by the strong medicines taken to suppress their natural hormones. In fact it has killed thousands of them. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration in this matter. sincerely Joyce Sinclair**

**From:** [Kirk Clemons](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Docket No. 16-0208-1901 Item 06 [External Email]  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 2:57:03 PM

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I, Kirk Clemons, am formerly opposing item 06 under Docket No. 16-0208-1901, titled "Amendment of Indicator of Gender", dated 4-11-19 on this day, September 19th, 2019.

-Kirk Clemons

**From:** [Lynn Hall](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Birth certificate [External Email]  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 5:16:25 PM

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The state should never participate in a fraud. Since gender is forensically determined by dna, confusing or obfuscating ones gender by falsifying documents is a fraud. Encouraging this insanity is legitimizing and inviting more destructive behavior to our republic.

**From:** [Pamela Sullivan](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Allow Gender Changes on Birth Certifies [External Email]  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 5:01:08 PM

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Please continue to allow adults to change their gender on their birth certificates and teen children with parental and medical professional approval.

Thank you

Voting Idaho Citizen

Pamela Sullivan

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Patrick Ryan](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Birth Certificate Rule Hearing [External Email]  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 2:56:04 PM

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Your gender is what you were born as biologically. How you self identify is irrelevant. This is a waste of our tax paying money.

As an Idaho citizen, I REQUEST THAT YOU DO NOT ALLOW THIS CHANGE to a person's birth certificate.

A Concerned Citizen,  
Patrick Ryan  
Blanchard, Idaho

**From:** [Reed Hymas](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#); [HScott@house.idaho.gov](mailto:HScott@house.idaho.gov)  
**Subject:** Docket 16-0208-1901 (Changing the Gender Identifier on Certificates of Live Birth) [External Email]  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 1:04:21 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I don't believe gender is a thing that can be chosen, anatomically there are 2 choices XX (Female) or XY (Male) there are no other choices. Gender is not something that can be chosen just like skin color, eye color, hair color, all things that are used to identify us even we had no choice in the matter. We should not confuse our language and deny science so that a handful of people can feel good.

Please continue to identify people by their biologic gender male or female regardless of what individuals may choose to identify themselves as later in life.

Concerned Idaho Resident,  
Reed Hymas

**From:** [Roger Greaves](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Docket 16-0208-1901 (Changing the Gender Identifier on Certificates of Live Birth) [External Email]  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 5:57:34 PM

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To whom it may concern. If there is to be a rule change, please require medical proof of Gender re-assignment surgery BEFORE changing the sex on a birth certificate.

Thank you,  
Roger Greaves  
1482 E White Cloud RD, Athol ID 83801

**From:** [Sarah Santos](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Changing the Gender Identifier on Certificates of Live Birth [External Email]  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 2:05:09 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a citizen residing in Kootenai County, I oppose this change. However, if Idaho institutes a law regarding this change, I request that medical proof of sex reassignment surgery be required.

Thank you,  
Sarah Santos

Sent from [Outlook](#)

**From:** [terrie hauck](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Docket 16-0208-1901 (Changing the Gender Identifier on Certificates of Live Birth) [External Email]  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 9:46:33 AM

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Are you nuts!

Born male, you are male.

Born female, you are female.

If you identify as something else in your head, fine. You are still male-whatever and female-whatever.

Surgery to change yourself fine, pay to have your birth certificate changed.

Common sense people.

I vote against.

Terrie M. Hauck  
Spirit Lake, Idaho

**From:** [Tim Kurcz](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Docket 16-0208-1901 gender identification [External Email]  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 4:00:30 PM

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To the Idaho Division of Public Health,

Please record my objection to the proposed amendment to Docket 16-0208-1901 allowing the opportunity for gender adjustments or corrections to birth certificates of minors based on a minors gender preference.

Explanation: 1) Except for rare natural born hermaphrodites; mammals (human and otherwise) are born with easily identifiable external genitalia which physically determine our gender. 2) That a minor child chooses to "identify" with, or "desire" to become another gender is a possible sign of gender dysphoria, a well documented disorder treatable by family and individual counseling. 3) Minor children are often not physically, mentally, or emotionally developed to make an adult decision.

Summary: Any potential gender reassignment should be limited to adults of age 18 or older. There should be no change to existing docket language.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comment.

Tim Kurcz  
12 Coyote Point Road  
Horseshoe Bend, ID 83629

**From:** [Bonnie Carter](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Vital Statistics Rules 16.02.08.01 ::DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO BECOME THE RULE OF LAW [External Email]  
**Date:** Sunday, September 22, 2019 5:57:07 PM  
**Attachments:** [16.02.08.01 Vital Statistics Rule.pdf](#)

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Good Morning,

Attached is my written testimony concerning the Health and Welfare hearing on Monday Sept 23.:

Mrs. Bonnie Carter  
Meridian District 21

Roger Gregory

P.O. Box 1299

Priest River, Idaho 83856

Email: [Gregori38@frontier.com](mailto:Gregori38@frontier.com)

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To: IDHW Rules Unit  
450 W. State SWT.  
10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boise, Idaho 83720-0036

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HEALTH AND WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Dear Rules Unit:

In reference to the situation about changing the Gender Identifier of Certificates of Live Birth. The entry should be either a boy or a girl period! Anything else is pure socialist nonsense. This is America and this is Idaho, not some socialist, communist, liberal whacko country.

My dad came here in 1908 from Austria, I was born and raised, in Sandpoint, Idaho, graduated from the U of I in 1960. I spent 5 years in the Army and was a Captain in the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division in Viet Nam. I only say this so you know that I am not some far out fellow. Also, I have been in business in Idaho for 51 years. I am a down to earth conservative like most in Idaho. We want to have normal things. Calling a new born something other than a boy or girl, is not normal and I and many others object to any changes. I also request that you personally respond to this letter and to also advise me of the results later. I would also like to know who is pushing this change nonsense.

Yours truly,



Roger Gregory

Cpy to Heather Scott

**From:** [Brian Stutzman](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Cc:** [Representative Heather Scott](#)  
**Subject:** Comments for certificate of live birth hearing [External Email]  
**Date:** Friday, September 20, 2019 10:28:56 AM

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Dear Department of Health and Welfare,  
Since I won't be able to attend your hearings on changed to love birth certificates I am emailing them here so please include them.

I think changes should NOT be allowed of any type to Live Birth Certificates because it opens a slippery slope of many problems. For example, I was born in 1965, making me 54 years of age. However, if I wanted to draw social security I would need to be 63. Can I have my live birth certificate changed to show I was born in 1957 if I feel identify as a 63 year old right now?

If you allow one change to birth certificates you need to allow all. And frankly me being allowed to change my birth year or anything else on that certificate is just inaccurate so please do not allow that change.

Brian Stutzman  
Idaho Falls Idsho

**From:** [Callie Gibler](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Birth certificate changes [External Email]  
**Date:** Friday, September 20, 2019 9:15:51 AM

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To whom this may concern,

I was very saddened and even angered by the decision to allow people to change their gender on their Idaho birth certificates. I see from the article that I read that it was federally required, however there is no place in the Constitution that requires this rule! I think that Idaho can and must challenge this ruling! If need be, I would fully support using tax payer money in order to fight this ruling in court. We can not let the liberal left tell us what is morally right and wrong. That was established by God long ago. What people who have gender confusion need is our love and care not experimental drugs and surgeries. They need to know that they are not a mistake! God loves them and made them for a purpose!

Thank you for reading this! I obviously have very strong beliefs on this subject! I believe that the majority of Idaho voters would also agree with me and my position!

Thank you again for hearing me and allowing citizens to respond to this ruling!

Sincerely,

Callie Gibler

**From:** [Carol Puetz](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Gender Change [External Email]  
**Date:** Saturday, September 21, 2019 8:03:29 PM

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I can't believe this is happening in Idaho. There are 2 genders. Heard want us to call each other IT or They. Where have our morals gone. Discussed that MD's give children hormone therapy for sex change. How can ant MD or parent to do this and they wonder why our children are so mixed up. This is being taught in schools in first year. Then request Idaho to pay a rapist sex surgery who is in jail. Will it never end. Can we focus on issues that matter to all of us vs a few.

**From:** [Clayton Carter](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Birth Certificate Gender Change Rule Hearing - 09/23/19/Boise [External Email]  
**Date:** Sunday, September 22, 2019 11:11:14 PM

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IDHW Rules Unit:

First, I am **against** the changing of State Birth Certificates since it is an official source document for the State of Idaho and its citizens born here. The changing of the biological sex on this document for the sole purpose of how an individual feels or believes they are is pure non-sense. If a man believes he is a woman on the inside then he is simply a gay man. He should be happy to be so. No amount of grooming, dressing, surgery and hormone treatments will change this individual's sex from man to woman. Why you ask: simple, he was born a male human being. Even under the forgoing scenario, he will still have the endocrine system of a man, he'll still have a laryngeal prominence (Adam's Apple) in his throat, musculature and bone structure of a man, and most important, he will never ever possess Ovaries, Fallopian Tubes, Uterus, Cervix or a Vagina. He would be able to conceive a child and, thereby, becoming a mother with lactating breast. Now, am I saying that a man can't be as nurturing as a woman, no, but as a man, I can state that the vast majority of men can't nurture a child as well as a biological woman can. My wife was superior to me in this category in raising our children. Oh, just for info, most men, approx. 98%, never have their male genitalia removed...So, I ask you, do you really believe that a person can become some one else just by feeling?

Secondly, the same can be said for a woman who believes she is a man inside a woman's body. That makes her a lesbian and she should be happy to be so. Again, no amount of grooming, dressing, surgery and hormone treatments will change this individual's sex from woman to a man. Despite the forgoing regiment, she will still have the endocrine system of a woman, she won't have an Adam's Apple, she will rarely have be physical structure or strength of a man, and she won't have the emotional behavior of a man and she will never have a prostate gland, testicles, or a functional penis so she could never impregnate another woman. No human being can ever change their biological sex and magically become the opposite sex by simply going through self-destructive behavior that tragicially ends in many individuals committing suicide.

The American Psychological Association added Gender Dysphoria to their list of psychological maladies for treatment within the last couple of years because of the growing problem of suicide within our gay communities.

Lastly, my brother was gay, and I believe he was born gay. He ever seem like a brother but more like a sister. For him, he was born too soon to have gotten to enjoy a full life with HIV since the medicines for AIDS weren't available or every effective some 27 years ago.

Changing the "SEX" status on a birth certificate does not make one a better "human being" or a more responsible Man or Woman!

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Clayton Carter  
Meridian, ID

**From:** [corinne miles](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Rules regarding changing genders [External Email]  
**Date:** Saturday, September 21, 2019 7:18:41 PM

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To whom it may concern:

As a nurse and concerned mother I cannot condone nor approve of the gender identity change to Idaho birth certificates that I understand have already been taking place. I am outraged that public opinion and official public local and state hearings with agreement has not first been sought! This is unconstitutional and another liberal move to silence the majority and take away parental right. At the age of 18 many are still confused about sexual issues and this causes further confusion. How can a legal historical document be changed anyway? That is ridiculous. Biology 101 tells us we are born male or female. This does not change. Look at the chromosomes if you're confused. Check your facts this issue is causing more mental health issues and many suicides in our culture. Please hear our voices. We have a say.

Concerned citizen, mother and nurse  
C Miles

**From:** [Debbi](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Changing the Gender Identifier on Certificates of Live Birth [External Email]  
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Debra Matz

Naples Idaho

**From:** [Gabrianna S Milloway](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** IDAPA 16.02.08 [External Email]  
**Date:** Friday, September 20, 2019 9:07:13 PM

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Hello,

My name is Gabrianna Milloway, and I'm writing regarding some concerns I have about the proposed change to IDAPA 16.02.08. My partner of two years is a male-to-female transgender woman and I've seen firsthand the struggles she has to face daily, so transgender rights are a very important topic to me.

While the proposed change sounds reasonable and insignificant on the surface, it is actually much harder for transgender individuals to navigate than you might expect. Obtaining a signed form from a medical professional requires finding a doctor with a proper understanding of transgenderism, as well as the ability to afford medical care. Proper healthcare for trans people is often quite hard to find, especially in conservative states, and isn't even accessible to those who can't afford it.

Transgenderism isn't a phase or something that is done for attention, and an adolescent who feels so dysphoric that they are seeking to change their birth certificate isn't going to outgrow it in a few years. Instead of requiring a signed form from a medical professional, I propose that you allow adolescents over the age of 13 to change the gender listed on their birth certificate without permission from a parent. Most trans kids grow up in unsupportive homes and have to suppress their identity, often to the point that they become suicidal. Many aren't even safely able to come out to their parents, so requiring parental consent for a legal gender change is unreasonable.

Trans teens have incredibly high suicide attempt rates. 30% of MtF trans teens and 50% of FtM trans teens have attempted suicide at least once, and providing them with the ability to fully identify with their preferred gender is essential in supporting them. Another issue is the 40% suicide attempt rate of non-binary teens. Several states have already made changes that allow individuals to legally change their gender to something other than male or female, and it would be amazing to see Idaho implement something similar as well.

Thank you for your time in reading this, I appreciate the opportunity to voice my concerns.

Sincerely,

Gabrianna Milloway

**From:** [Janet Clark](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Gender Rules [External Email]  
**Date:** Friday, September 20, 2019 10:53:20 AM

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Janet L. Clark  
632 Winona Road  
Kamiah, ID 83536

**From:** [circlew@povn.com](mailto:circlew@povn.com)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Birth Certificates [External Email]  
**Date:** Friday, September 20, 2019 11:24:43 AM

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Dear House Rules Committee,

Birth Certificates are a legal document and no one should be allowed to change what they say. If a person is born a male or a female that is it and they should not be allowed to change it on their birth certificate.

Respectfully,  
John F. Weyant

**From:** [Jonna Plante](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Live Birth Certificate changes [External Email]  
**Date:** Friday, September 20, 2019 5:06:01 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

Why are the people of the state of Idaho being denied our rights of negotiating rule making and allowing decisions be made by a District court?

I am concerned that Idaho will be changed and manipulated to be politically correct and to bow down to an extremely small perception of people who have different “feelings” than their biological factors, their chromosomes, and their genitalia that they were born with. Facts will always remain to be facts- males have an XY chromosome and a females have two X chromosomes and verifiable which should be a permanent part of our records and legal documents that should not be able to be changed due and opinion or feelings a person has.

It doesn't matter how much a man or a women favors or is feels their thought are similar to the the opposite sex and feels more at home, or comfortable in what society may claim to be more male or female, it's the proof of biological makeup, the genitalia, and the chromosomes of a person that makes them male or female and that's the truth we need to document on legal documentation and allowing change based on a choice, will destroy the fabric of our society and allowing this change is ludicrous.

Jonna Plante  
Sagle, ID

**From:** [Neil Ragan](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Representative Heather Scott's Response to Transgender Advancements [External Email]  
**Date:** Saturday, September 21, 2019 12:45:29 PM

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As a practicing Idaho physician who provides primary medical care to a sizeable number of transgender individuals of all ages, I am concerned – and mystified – by Representative Heather Scott's campaign to reverse the ability of transgender Idaho citizens to change their gender marker on their birth certificate.

A digital update sent by the Idaho Legislature on 18 September featured Representative Scott, from District 1. The print and graphics were offensive, ignorant, and fear-mongering, without any regard to the lives of a marginalized minority of Idahoans (less than 0.3%, according to current estimates) who struggle to achieve and maintain the same civil rights enjoyed by the wider population.

These individuals continue to endure significant discrimination in employment, housing, and healthcare. Currently only two states – Tennessee and Ohio – do not permit the birth certificate to be amended to reflect the individual's sexual identity. While birth certificate gender annotation may seem relatively trivial, in practical terms it facilitates such normal life activities as obtaining a passport and getting a job. Official documents which are incongruent in the gender marker designation (for example, the birth certificate lists one gender; the driver's license another gender) create unnecessary barriers for transgender individuals.

I urge the Department of Health & Welfare to continue to advocate for the health and welfare of ALL Idahoans, including – even especially – marginalized and underserved minorities.

Joseph N. Ragan, M.D.

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**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** 16.02.08 [External Email]  
**Date:** Sunday, September 22, 2019 11:01:56 PM

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I wish to put my name in support for your support for rule 16.02.08 allowing trans adults to change their gender marker on Idaho birth certificate This should be a non issue at this point but society seems bent on some backward thoughts. Please allow person(s) the ability to provide safe and accurate data on themselves for the use of others, think about the correct identifying information that we are all required to carry pretty much everywhere now.

**Katy Randle**  
**KDLish@live.com**

**From:** [Priscillakay28](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Gender Hearing-16 02 08 [External Email]  
**Date:** Friday, September 20, 2019 10:55:15 AM

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Gender Hearing-  
Dept of Health and Welfare

Health and Welfare, I am here to comment on 16 02 08 Vital Statistics Rules in regards to gender change on birth certificates.

My name is Kay... I represent myself, my family.... my Community, parents and women around the great state of Idaho.

I ask that you strike the section to alter gender for any other reason but to make corrections based on biological physical male and female.

Although gender identity has gained some footing we need to be aware of the dangers! Biological identification should always remain on birth records and identification.

Anyone should agree that this confusion could make identifying an individual impossible mainly due to proper identification for many reasons, one being crime.

This could have some major contributes to a rise in crime and the inability to prosecute. this needs further consideration.

It would be detrimental for law enforcement, courts and victims in rape cases.

In cases where biological males would be permitted in a biological female facilities. Bathrooms/changing rooms, Youth group homes, female mental hospital wings, a woman's domestic abuse shelter or safe houses for women and children, a jail, prison, etc.

This potentially makes for abusive situations at the blessing of this rule as protection and poses a major safety risk.

This does not serve Idahoans well and will not benefit us as a state in any way. This is a detrimental step in a slippery direction. In fact it has the great risk of being a major threat for violations of personal rights and protections of the public on so many levels.

I mean, could you imagine being a victim of domestic violence with severe trust issues to then be placed in a safe shelter with a roommate who is a biological male? This would be a clear violation of the victims rights.

How about our children growing up not know who their friends are or people they may start to date? That is terrifying!

The room for abuse of this rule by those who wish to utilize it for their own perversion and benefit is endless and we cannot stand by watching our culture blur the biological and physical lines on this matter.

Finally, there is the possibility that one changes their gender identity and then later changes their mind as life goes on. This gender regret would not be permitted as the current rule is written. This is minor but should not even be up for discussion as this rule is ridiculous and frivolous for our Vital Records Dept.

This rule CONFIRMS NO BENEFIT and IS NOT DEEMED NECESSARY for the PUBLIC INTERESTS of Idahoans.

This rule is NOT an EMERGENCY AND IDAHO IS A FREE REPUBLIC AND THE PEOPLE DO NOT WISH TO BE REGULATED BY THIS AGENCY PERTAINING TO GENDER

Thank you for your time. Strike the changes allowed based on gender identity and protect identification and the rights of ALL Idahoans.

Kind regards,

Kay Jorissen

**From:** [Lesley Plummer](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Docket 16-0208-1901 [External Email]  
**Date:** Saturday, September 21, 2019 3:41:47 PM

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I am emailing my opposition to this docket 16-0208-1901. I do not agree with the birth identifier change on the birth certificates. This is ridiculous. You born with male or female genitalia. Your DNA is proof of this male or female gender. This confusion is running rampant and I do blame a lot of parents for confusing their children. I personally know 2 children where their parents decided they were "gay" only neither child one boy one girl (by birth) feels this way. The parents are forcing it on them. This is a terrible idea to make this change. If they go as far as a sex change then they can change it as adults. There are 2 voters in our household at this time and we both oppose this unnecessary change.

Thank you for your time.  
Sincerely,  
Lesley & Eric Plummer

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If you saw the size of the blessings coming, you would understand the magnitude of the battle you are fighting.

**From:** [Linda Covey](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Docket 16-0208-1901 [External Email]  
**Date:** Friday, September 20, 2019 10:41:17 AM

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Per a 2018 Federal court ruling all states must allow a change to gender identity on their birth certificate.

If Idaho institutes a law for the change it should REQUIRE medical proof of sex reassignment surgery.

Sincerely

Linda S Covey

Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [MARJORIE KLEIN](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#); [MARJORIE KLEIN](#)  
**Subject:** Live Birth Certificate Gender Change Amendment [External Email]  
**Date:** Friday, September 20, 2019 8:30:30 PM

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TO: dhwrules@dhw.idaho.gov and in subject line put Live Birth Certificate Gender Change Amendment

I support two sexes only on BIRTH CERTIFICATE and that being only the biological anatomically correct gender identification as has been customary for decades.... not some latest and greatest fashion craze.

Further, I support biological anatomically correct gender specific bathrooms and services areas if need be - make the restrooms be single occupancy usage regardless of biological anatomical gender.

Marjorie Klein,  
Sagle Idaho  
83860

**From:** [Mark Browning](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** changing gender on birth certificate [External Email]  
**Date:** Saturday, September 21, 2019 9:56:44 AM

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I cannot understand the department's stance on changing gender on birth certificates.

When a person is born, a certified medical professional examines them and declares their gender, and this is what goes on the birth certificate. Whatever that person decides to do with their physical body or their emotional attachments subsequently does not alter the facts that were determined by the doctor at the time of their birth. In my mind, it is a falsification of the birth record to allow a person to retroactively change their birth certificate, based on their feelings at a later date.

What follows this? Can a person of color get their skin whitened and get their birth certificate changed to show they are caucasian? Can I go back and change the public records that show a legal transgression, after I change my behavior? This rule change establishes a slippery slope that can only cause future problems.

What ever happened to truth?

Concerned Idahoan

**From:** [Ray Coon](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Gender is what you are at birth! [External Email]  
**Date:** Friday, September 20, 2019 5:47:28 PM

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How crazy can we get?

Why are we bending for the few loud individuals who are obviously disturbed.

Do not allow this to take place.

God made us, man and woman to further the human race.

We have seen headlines "first man gives birth!" Insane headline, as it turned out to be a woman who identified as a man!

Ray Coon

**From:** [Ray Millard](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Cc:** [heatherscott4northidaho@gmail.com](mailto:heatherscott4northidaho@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Changing Gender on Certificates of Live Birth [External Email]  
**Date:** Friday, September 20, 2019 4:43:49 PM

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My wife and I attended the hearing in Coeur d' Alene, ID today and want to voice our opposition to this proposed action. First of all, it should be presented to the Idaho Legislature and if passed written into law in our opinion. Through any other means should absolutely not be allowed. I am also very surprised at the small meeting room (which was extremely overcrowded) with no public address system provided so peoples presentations could be heard by all. As we were some of the last to arrive and stood in the back of the room we witnessed others that were turned away because of the over crowding! This issue is a hot topic to many north Idahoans and will surely be opposed by a majority of the residents.

Ray Millard  
42303 HWY 200  
Hope, ID 83836  
208-264-5252

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Rebecca Plummer](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** [External Email]  
**Date:** Saturday, September 21, 2019 5:20:48 PM

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Docket 16-0208-1901

Stop the Insanity!

**From:** [Rick Pongratz](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on Change of Gender on Certificate of Live Birth [External Email]  
**Date:** Friday, September 20, 2019 8:47:45 PM

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Dear IDHW Rules Unit,

Thank you for considering my comments on the upcoming rule changes. I will be unable to attend your public hearing in Idaho Falls and wish to add my comments to the record. My comments come from two perspectives. First as a mental health professional and second as someone who believes the government should avoid restricting the freedom of individuals.

First, as a mental health professional, I have worked with many people who struggle with gender dysphoria, the clinical diagnosis for someone who is distressed that their physical body does not match their internal sense of who they are. In this work I have seen these individuals as they truly are. They genuinely struggle. The recommended medical treatments involve helping them explore these issues and, when appropriate, taking steps to change legal documents to align with their internal sense of who they are. This is not political, it's the evidence-based treatment. Please don't impair their medical treatment by restricting this ability.

Additionally, preventing these people from changing these documents is a serious safety issue and many people across the country have been assaulted and murdered when others learned they were transgender.

Second, as a citizen, it appalls me when the government acts to unnecessarily interfere with a citizen acting to improve their life. In these situations, citizens are working, in coordination with their doctors to resolve distress. Their actions to change their designation on their birth certificates harm no one. Do not commit an over-reach of government by restricting their rights to change the designation.

Thank you for considering my comments.  
Rick Pongratz, Ph.D.

**From:** [Aydelotte, James](#)  
**To:** [Middlebrook, Trinette](#); [Powell, Frank](#)  
**Subject:** another comment  
**Date:** Monday, September 23, 2019 8:03:28 AM  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Anderson, Kathy <Kathy.Anderson@dhw.idaho.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 20, 2019 4:50 PM  
**To:** Aydelotte, James <James.Aydelotte@dhw.idaho.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Changes to Birth Certificates [External Email]  
**Importance:** High

Regarding the hearings

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**From:** Ron Parker <[rsparker1955@gmail.com](mailto:rsparker1955@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 20, 2019 3:35 PM  
**To:** Idaho Vital Records <[IVR@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:IVR@dhw.idaho.gov)>  
**Subject:** Changes to Birth Certificates [External Email]

Is it true that Idaho Health and Welfare is planning to make changes that allows one to have their gender changed to their birth certificates without legislative permission to allow this?

If so is this when you are accepting public comment:

The hearing is MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD FROM 9 TO 11 AM at the Medicaid Central Office at 3232 Elder Street Conference rooms D East and D West in Boise. I find this very disturbing as one is either born male or female and regardless of "feelings" the facts does not change the we have wither boy or girl parts.

If this change is done after ALL sex transition surgeries are completed then perhaps this is reasonable.

Thank you,  
Ron

**From:** [Taylor Morton](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Changing gender on certificate of live birth [External Email]  
**Date:** Sunday, September 22, 2019 6:30:06 PM

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Dear Idaho Department of Health & Welfare,

I am a member of Trinity Church in Coeur d'Alene and share the same sentiment as our Pastor, Stuart Bryan, regarding changing the gender on certificates of live birth:

“Good afternoon. It is my understanding that your department is receiving public input on permitting individuals to change their gender on certificates of live birth. I am unable to attend the public hearing here in Coeur d'Alene this Friday but wanted to take the time to register my concerns and objections to allowing such changes.

As a pastor in the State of Idaho, I share the concern of others in our community for those who are suffering confusion regarding their sexual identity. The mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical distress that accompany such confusion is monumental and these individuals need true help. They need to be counseled to reconcile their sexual identity with their biological sex. Any other sort of counsel or therapy is deceitful, encouraging the person to lie to themselves and others.

Regardless of one's personal perception of their sexual identity, their biological sex is a fixed reality. We have been created and born either male or female and birth certificates in our State have reflected this truth. Indeed, it is the duty of the State of Idaho to represent that fixed reality, that truth, in our documentation for truth's sake. The State no more has the right to classify a biological male as a female than it has the right to declare that dogs are cats and cats are dogs. The State does not have the right to lie. To do so will invite the judgment of Almighty God upon us.

If the Federal Government is endeavoring tyrannically to force our State to allow such changes on our birth certificates, then I would urge Governor Little to appeal, first, to God, the Supreme Ruler over all men and nations, to have mercy upon our State and, second, to the Supreme Court of the United States to overturn such a wicked mandate. If States are refusing the dictates of the Federal Government regarding the legalization of marijuana (which they are), then certainly the State of Idaho can refuse the dictates of the Federal Government regarding the preservation of the truth on our birth certificates.

Let me urge you, therefore, to continue to record the biological sex of individuals on Idaho Certificates of Live Birth. Such certificates should not be changed unless the biological sex was mistakenly recorded.”

I pray you will make the right decision in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Taylor Morton

**From:** [T. Busby](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Gender Rules [External Email]  
**Date:** Friday, September 20, 2019 6:29:12 AM

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God determines gender..SCIENCE confirms gender... Not FEELINGS or POLITICS!

Let me go on record to say that I am very upset this was even considered! Facts which are modified for "political correctness" are no longer FACTS!

Tina Busby  
Hayden, Idaho

*Coeur d'Alene*  
*9/20/2019*

Shupe suffered from PTSD after nearly 20 years of service in the military. The brief reads, "Mr. Shupe argues that his gender transitions were the result of his mental confusion and that he should have been treated with therapy rather than fictional identities. 'I should have been treated. Instead, at every step, doctors, judges, and advocacy groups indulged my fiction.'"

The brief describes Heyer's journey as both a former transgender person and one who now counsels so many who struggle. From both perspectives, Heyer believes current transgender medical protocols fail to treat the root causes.

Heyer now informally mentors people who also regret attempting to identify as a person of the opposite sex, such as by adopting a different name and opposite-sex pronouns, wearing clothing and hairstyles typically associated with the opposite sex, using sex-segregated spaces and engaging in sex-segregated activities that correspond to the opposite sex, and changing their appearance to more closely resemble the opposite sex through makeup, clothing, surgery, and hormones.

Heyer has seen firsthand the harm that can come from encouraging people down that path. Every person Heyer has mentored has concluded that he or she was not born transgender. They believe transgenderism is a learned behavior, a social ideology, not an innate condition from birth. Heyer says he has seen too much unhappiness and regret over the years from hormone therapy and surgeries to think otherwise."

This is what the media outlets need to cover. They should be giving opposing views about the transgender culture. But right now they are practically encouraging confused youths that their gender dysphoria is natural; when what they really need is to be seeking therapy.

*Carol Goodman*

9/23/15

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Darryl Ford  
To: [Redacted]

Sun, Sep 22, 2019 at 10:54 PM

*Section 201 part 5b: "...a new certificate may be prepared only when a determination of paternity is made by a court of competent jurisdiction..." How is determination of paternity made? By DNA.*

*Part 6 is inconsistent with part 5. DNA establishing the sex of a person cannot be ignored while relying on DNA to establish paternity.*

*Additionally, allowing falsification of the legal birth certificate document upon which identification documents are based will interfere with criminal investigations where DNA evidence is found. This puts the entire population at risk. Therefore, part 6 does, indeed bear a rational relationship to a conceivable government interest, and the best interests of the public.*

*Sincerely,*

*Darryl & Sheila Ford  
for the  
Ford and Nakamura Family*



Sheila Ford  
16313 Frost Rd  
Caldwell ID 83607-9391

Jerrilene Smith

Middleton, ID

September 23, 2019

My 76 year old mother-in-law has been trying to get her Star license in Idaho. She was told that the birth certificate she has been using was issued by the hospital and is invalid. She has spent a couple of months going through red tape to get an official record of her birth. It is alarming to think that such a vital document can be changed just because a person doesn't identify with the TRUTH of his or her birth.

This document is a BIRTH certificate. It should not be altered to change the FACTS about your birth. If we begin to allow this falsification of documents for birth gender, then logically, we should then be able to alter our ages, location of birth and any other details that we may feel don't represent who we are. This is a dangerous path to tread.

I have been an elementary school teacher for 25 years and am a mom of three. Daily I am made aware that children have difficulty making simple decisions like "Will I wear pink or green today or do I want pizza or chicken nuggets for lunch?". Forever, children have had the stability to know that they were a boy or girl, someone's son or daughter, or a sister or brother. Genesis 1:27 says, "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them." We are being told that we can now create ourselves into our own image. This is causing so much confusion and pressure on children who are too young to understand the long-lasting consequences of that decision. Parents who make the decision to change their child's gender are stealing the right of that child to be who God created him or her to be. This is a form of abuse that our country is allowing and even supporting.

I am opposed to fraud. I am opposed to abuse. I am opposed to offending God. Therefore, I am opposed to changing one's gender on a BIRTH certificate.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerrilene Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Coeur d'Alene  
9/20/2019

We will try to make this simple and to the point.

It is our understanding that in early May, 2019, The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDWH) published a temporary rule to allow the indicator of gender to be changed on the birth certificate without legislative review. This is very convenient for those who want this rule to become law without public discourse.

It is also our understanding that in July, 2019, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDWH) went even further by changing the rule for children under the age of 18 who want to change their gender.

The question is: **Did this change not open the rule to public comment?**

It was decided that only five counties would be able to voice their concerns about changing gender designation on one's birth certificate and allowing children **under the age of 18** to make a decision about changing their gender on their birth certificate.

WHY ARE ONLY 5 COUNTIES, FROM ACROSS THE ENTIRE STATE, ENTITLED TO VOICE THEIR CONCERN? Are there not 44 counties in the State of Idaho? The population of these 5 counties approximates only 23% of the entire population of 1.79 million residents. What about the other 77% of us?

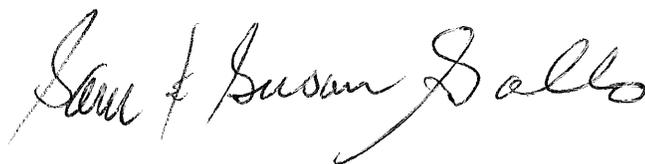
How does this benefit IDWH and its director Dave Jeppesen, who claims that his department's "mission is to promote and protect the health and safety of Idahoans" when  $\frac{3}{4}$  of them do not have a say in this.

How does this benefit the 7 Republicans and 2 Democrats on the Senate Health and Welfare Committee or the 11 Republicans and 4 Democrats on the House Health and Welfare Committee?

We strongly suggest that these rules be open to public discussion and evaluation.

Thank you.

Sam & Susan Gallo  
Sagle, Idaho

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sam & Susan Gallo". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

**From:** [Aaron Zasadny](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Public Hearing Docket 16-0208-1901 [External Email]  
**Date:** Monday, September 23, 2019 8:40:57 AM

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I am opposed to the proposition of allowing people to change their birth sex on their birth certificate. A birth certificate is a historical record of something that actually happened. This boy or girl was born in such a year in so-and-so city to these parents. If we start allowing the tampering of official documents, what is to stop a person from wanting to change their birth city, because they don't want to identify with that nefarious region of the country? Or why not their birth year, if they start feeling left out of the alcohol-drinking crowd? A person's DNA-defined birth sex is as factual and unchangeable as their birth year and birth city, and to allow manipulation of any these historical facts is the beginning of something very bad for our state and our country. It is the suicide of reason, eroding the objectivity of the birth certificate itself until it becomes an utterly useless record. Which document will be the next to fall?

Sincerely,  
Aaron Zasadny

**From:** [Arl Christian](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Comments on DHW Vital Statistics Rule Docket 16-0208-1901 [External Email]  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019 8:34:18 AM  
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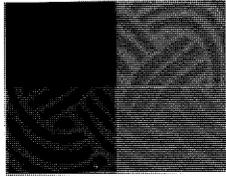
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To Whom It May Concern,

Attached please find NCTE's comments on DHW Vital Statistics Rule Docket 16-0208-1901, opposing the addition of a medical documentation requirement for minors. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Best,  
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**Idaho  
Coalition**  
Against Sexual &  
Domestic Violence  
*Engaging Voices, Creating Change*

September 23, 2019

**Re: Public Comment on Proposed Changes to Rules Governing  
Completion and Correction of Certificates; Vital Statistics Docket No.  
16-0208-1901**

Dear Members of the Department of Health and Welfare and Vital Statistics,

The Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence (The Idaho Coalition) writes to submit a public comment on the proposed changes to No. 16-0208-1901 governing completion and correction of certificates.

The Idaho Coalition respectfully opposes the proposed changes to 201.06 subsections a.ii.(6) and b regarding requiring minors under the age of eighteen to provide signed forms from a licensed medical professional in order to amend birth certificates. We strongly support the ability of minors to reflect their gender identity on their birth certificates, we believe the required medical attestation places an unnecessary burden on youth.

While birth certificates were originally used simply for historical purposes, they have now evolved into necessary documents for daily life, including education and operating a motor vehicle. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, "[Birth certificates] are also used extensively for employment purposes, to obtain benefits or other documents (e.g., driver's licenses, Social Security cards, and passports), to assist in determining eligibility for public assistance and other benefits, to enroll children in school, and as proof of age eligibility for sports and other age restricted activities."<sup>1</sup> The proposed changes would make it extremely difficult for minors to go about everyday life for several reasons.

First, requiring signed forms from a licensed professional creates an undue burden for minors attempting to enter the workforce. These changes make it more difficult for minors to obtain employment when documents do not match their gender identity. To require a minor to have signed forms from a licensed professional could possibly delay employment, support discrimination, or eliminate an opportunity at gaining employment completely. According to one legal researcher, "Some employers may discriminate against a transgender person, especially in the hiring process, when the employer inspects identity documents that do not match a person's gender presentation. In much of the United States, this discrimination may be viewed as legal."<sup>2</sup> In addition to unnecessarily revealing a transgender youth's identity, this process

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<sup>1</sup> OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GEN., U.S. DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, OEI07-99-00570, BIRTH CERTIFICATE FRAUD at 2 (2000), available at <http://oig.hhs.gov/oei/reports/oei-07-99-00570.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> Lisa Mottet, *Modernizing State Vital Statistics Statutes and Policies to Ensure Accurate Gender Markers on Birth Certificates: A Good Government Approach to Recognizing the Lives of Transgender People*, 19 Mich.J. Gender& L. 393 (2013).

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could make it hard for minors to change their gender on their birth certificate, creating delays in employment.

Second, the proposed changes would create a problem for minors needing a driver's license that properly reflects their gender identity. According to researcher, Lisa Mottet, "Hiring discrimination [is] also rampant, and rates of discrimination [are] higher for those whose driver's license gender marker did not match their gender identity."<sup>3</sup> In addition to a birth certificate, many employers, colleges, and other state and federal institutions require a driver's license to prove identity. By having a minor obtain a signed form from a licensed professional, this creates an undue burden in getting basic documentation, delaying major life processes.

Finally, another key problem the proposed changes cause for minors are completing applications for higher education. College can already be an overwhelming time for young people. These proposed changes would complicate matters for minors seeking to attend college. Many higher education institutions use the Common Application, which requires updated documents. Mottet states, "the new Common Application policy is especially devastating for those who have been living in their gender since a very young age and who may not be 'out' to anyone other than family members. For these young people, the application would require them to 'out' themselves or otherwise be at risk for accusations of fraud on their application."<sup>4</sup> In what can already be a stressful time for young people trying to get into college, these proposed changes would increase their burden and potentially hinder their opportunity at higher education.

In conclusion, the Idaho Coalition is in full support of the rules that do not require the extra burden of medical attestation for minors, and we urge the Department of Health and Welfare and Vital Statistics to eliminate the requirement of medical attestation due to the problems it would create for transgender youth. In order to guarantee the health, safety, and privacy of transgender youth, we do not support the proposed changes in 201.06 subsections a.ii.(6) and b that requires medical attestation. Thank you for the opportunity for public comment on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Annie Hightower, JD  
Director of Law & Policy  
Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence

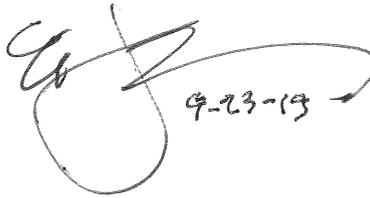
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<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 394.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 399.

Idaho Birth Certificate Gender Marker Change Administrative Rule Docket  
16-0208-1901 Testimony - September 23, 2019 - Boise, Idaho

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My name is Emilie Jackson-Edney, and my pronouns are she, her and hers. I live and own property in Garden City, Idaho. I am a second generation Idahoan. I'm the "T" in the LGBTQ+ alphabet soup, and I am a unapologetic woman of transsexual experience. I only use this term in an informational setting so that you can understand my history and my journey. I speak compellingly from inside the experience and not as a passionate observer. I don't identify as a woman. I am a woman, and I am continually maturing in my womanhood. I am exceedingly appreciative that the state of Idaho and their various administrative agencies now recognize this as fact.

However, I'm positive you will receive testimony as you conduct public hearings in your travels around the state from those who perversely disagree with my humanity in their attempts to morally and legislatively erase me and my siblings out of existence. Be it through bias, bigotry, ignorance or some sense of superior moral authority....I don't know. It never ceases to amaze me, and I'm sure that you will experience this phenomenon, too, that those cis-gender detractors who disparage the transgender and gender non-conforming community actually have no skin-in-the game.....and seem to arrogantly feel they know more about the lives and needs of transgender people than do the transgender people themselves. Transgender people are simple trying to live authentically as their true selves, and attempting to safely navigate through our society.

I want to thank the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Bureau of Vital Statistics for this opportunity to testify today. I want it on record that your staff has been professional, respectful and empathic in developing an

efficient process to change one's gender marker on their Idaho Birth Certificates. As result of the District Court ruling and subsequent development of Administrative Rule 201.06, all my identity documents are now congruent with my name and gender marker. These include my Idaho Birth Certificate, Idaho Star Driver's License, Social Security Administration, Idaho Public Employee Retirement System, U.S. Passport and Passport Card, Medicare, Medical and Dental Records, Health, Auto and Life Insurance, Banking and Savings, Credit and Debit Cards...and copious other identity documents. All of these allow me to navigate smoothly through our society and in everyday life with relative safety....free from demeaning harassment, humiliation, heightened scrutiny, and other behaviors of an offensive nature.

I am testifying in favor of original Administrative Rule 201.6.a and against the modified Rule 201.06.a.ii.6. and b. relating to transgender juveniles under the age of 18. While I understand Health and Welfare's rational for the modification for those transgender juveniles under 18, I honestly believe the proposed requirement places an additional medical and/or psychotherapeutic burden upon the parents, which is onerous and increases their costs. Locating culturally competent healthcare providers who are knowledgeable and skilled in the diagnosis, treatment and care of transgender juveniles, let alone transgender adults, can be a daunting and expensive task for parents living in most parts of Idaho due to its remote and rural characteristics. The 4<sup>th</sup> District Court judge in her ruling didn't instruct Health and Welfare about the manner in which the birth certificate gender changes are to be processed, but she did caution the state from creating any new rule that would "subject one class of people to any more onerous burdens than the burdens placed on others without constitutionally-appropriate justification", including the need to provide medical evidence. I don't claim to be a legal scholar by any means, but to this lay person, this Rule modification could possibly violate the judge's instruction, and therefore be subject to additional judicial scrutiny, which can be an expensive burden to the Idaho taxpayers. I have to believe that the original requirements for transgender juveniles is adequate. Therefore, my objection to the proposed modified administrative rule for transgender juveniles.

Thank you. I stand for any questions.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Idaho Department of Health and Welfare**

**ISSUE: VITAL STATISTICS RULES    DOCKET NO.: 16-0208-1901**

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<b>Comment:</b> (Please use the back if you need more room.)	<p>I am in favor of the current rules for adults to change their sex identifier on their birth certificate.</p> <p>I am NOT in favor of adding a medical attestation requirement for people under the age of 18.</p> <p>Access to medical care that is effective, affordable, and culturally competent is not a guarantee by the State of Idaho. There is no requirement that a person under the age of 18 should receive competent and compassionate care from any medical professional.</p> <p>A birth certificate is required in order to receive a driver's license, a Social Security number, professional licenses, and many other legal documents that are needed to navigate our social interactions and our legal responsibilities and our governmental services.</p> <p>The State of Idaho has not demonstrated a compelling governmental interest of erecting any barriers to accessing legal identification</p>

documents. Gary R. Dokter, RN  
 9/23/19

Opinion:

9/23/19

There was a guy on Dr. Phil a while ago who claimed to be Bat Man. He wondered why he couldn't keep a job. He wanted to go to work dressed as Bat Man. If people can choose what sex they want to be, why do we not recognize that that guy is Bat Man?

Ever since I was a child, I've wanted to be a cat. Cats get pampered and have no responsibilities. What could be better? Dogs are expected to guard the property, sound the alarm if something is amiss, bark and keep prowlers away. Nothing is expected of cats. They catch mice, but they do it for fun and you can't make them do it. I want my birth certificate changed to say I am a cat.

It makes just as much sense as what is going on here.

Sincerely,  
Heidi Ford

9/23/19

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Idaho Department of Health and Welfare**

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<b>Comment:</b> (Please use the back if you need more room.)	<p>Issue: legal document at the time of the event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No reference to amendment is allowed.</li><li>• No limitation on how many times a person can change their sex.</li><li>• original birth certificate would be sealed (along w/ all other documents related) + can only be opened by a court. Creates issue w/ family</li><li>• Gender is not a biological trait Biological sex is not gender, sex is a physical, innate, + immutable trait hardwired in our DNA.</li><li>• Issues happen in:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- sports in school</li><li>- prisons</li><li>- abuse shelters</li><li>- fitness centers / locker rooms</li><li>- Rape Victim</li><li>- identity fraud</li><li>- field trip overnight</li><li>- fraud</li><li>- fleeing criminals</li><li>- pedophiles / sex offenders</li><li>- scholarships</li><li>- parental rights</li></ul></li></ul>

**From:** [Cheryl Hively](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Changing gender on Birth Certificates [External Email]  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019 2:24:00 PM

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I am opposed to changing gender on Birth Certificates. A Birth Certificate is a vital statistic that is created at birth. Gender is determined at conception not by self determination. What is a physical fact at birth should stay a fact at all times. Gender reassignment doesn't change the science/DNA. Wanting to be something else doesn't change the DNA. DNA doesn't change.

Cheryl Hively  
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**Date:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019 5:00:11 PM  
**Attachments:** [2019-9-24 Letter to DHW.pdf](#)

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Deputy Administrator of the Division of Public Health  
IDHW Rules Unit, 10th Floor  
450 W. State St.,  
Boise, ID 83720-0036.

**To the Administrator:**

**Attached is a letter we ask for you to enter into the record, commenting on proposed IDAPA 16.02.08.201.06. Would you please acknowledge receipt of this attachment?**

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Elaine King](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Birth Certificate Rule Hearings [External Email]  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019 11:40:17 PM

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Testimony for Public Hearing on Birth Certificate Rules- I am sorry I cannot be in attendance due to the time of day scheduled. Please accept my following testimony for your consideration.

## Testimony:

Several families in our community recently moved from California to Idaho mainly due to the kind of laws that were passed, including allowing changes to gender identity on birth certificates even for minors. Such laws and rules in California opened a Pandora's box where now students in Kindergarten are taught that there are 7 genders. And of course, the California Kindergarten teachers now instruct children that if they feel like a boy, then they can use the boy's bathroom and if they feel like a girl, then they can use the girl's bathroom. Imagine all the tomboys in elementary school who like to do boy activities now feel they have to identify as a boy due to the laws and this kind of teaching and not only use the boy's bathrooms but perhaps decide

they should change their gender, since laws in place warrant a sex change on their birth certificate making it acceptable and normal. Idaho is a haven for common sense and not the strange ways of a very liberal state like California.

According to [betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://betterhealth.vic.gov.au), only one in 4500 births may actually have a physical sexual identity problem. But changing laws to fit the exception is going way beyond the mark. You may choose whatever lifestyle you desire, but should Idaho have to make laws and rules that cower to feelings? Minors should not be involved in such a decision. When you are 18 you can make your own choices for your own lifestyle but leave the legal birth certificates out of the mix; laws shouldn't be put in place to accommodate desires. So, if I have always felt like a millionaire and try to act and dress like a millionaire, should there be a law requiring me to get a million dollars from the government to fulfill my desire and what I believe are my natural feelings and

place in society?

You are playing with fire when you make such changes to the laws on birth certificates. You will be opening a myriad of problems that even a plethora of additional laws won't fix. Don't make the abnormal and the exception the rule of the day.

To sum up the idea of allowing sex changes to a birth certificate, I will quote from our city's facebook page from a prominent member of our community, "This is insane." We aren't California, so let's not act like we are.

Thank you,

Elaine King

Madison County, Idaho

**From:** [Fred Birnbaum](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Rule on gender changes on birth certificate - public comment - Docket Number 16-0208-1901 [External Email]  
**Date:** Monday, September 23, 2019 9:11:28 PM

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To whom it may concern:

The Idaho Freedom Foundation does not support the rule in Docket Number 16-0208-1901 regarding the medical attestation for minors seeking to amend their birth certificates.

The rationale behind the original rule, that the Department of Health and Welfare was merely complying with the federal court order in *F.V. Barron et al*, by narrowly tailoring the administrative rule change is insufficient.

If we step back, the issue with the original rule change is that it allowed both minors and adults of legal age to change their gender on birth certificates based upon a very low bar of attestation/demonstration.

The rule change was not fully vetted by the public because the relevant legislative Committee Chairman prohibited a hearing. While the lack of a public legislative committee hearing is not the responsibility of the Department of Health and Welfare, we believe that merely correcting the attestation for minors is insufficient.

Rather, the original rule and proposed changed related to the attestation for minors should be withdrawn with the view that this issue needs a full debate with an outcome that does not give automatic deference to the Department of Health and Welfare to interpret a federal court order as broadly as possible.

Sincerely,

**Fred Birnbaum**  
**Vice President, Idaho Freedom Foundation and Idaho Freedom Action**  
**802 W. Bannock Street, Suite 405**  
**Boise, ID 83702**  
**208-258-2280, ext. 1020**

**From:** [Gloria Pippin](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Cc:** [alee@senate.idaho.gov](mailto:alee@senate.idaho.gov); [rkerby@house.idaho.gov](mailto:rkerby@house.idaho.gov); [jboyle@house.idaho.gov](mailto:jboyle@house.idaho.gov)  
**Subject:** Birth Certificate rule change? [External Email]  
**Date:** Monday, September 23, 2019 8:59:28 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I understand the DHW is trying to change the rule on official birth certificates to allow for individuals to change the indicator of how they were biologically born, i.e, as a biological female or male.

I believe you are tampering with things you have no business making rules about. Get out of the rule making business. Our birth certificates are legal documents which should be a clear display of who we were at birth. The whole thing is ludicrous and evil. It's a really good example of the over reach of federal agencies, which obviously are not concerned with the rule of law.

Sincerely,

Gloria Pippin  
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Mesa, ID 83643

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Heather Rehil-Crest](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Gender identity and birth certificate [External Email]  
**Date:** Monday, September 23, 2019 3:36:01 PM

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I am writing this email to express my disagreement with taking legislative action that restricts individuals from changing their birth certificates to reflect their gender identity. I support personal liberty in this area and I do not believe the government should be discriminating against transgendered individuals.

Sincerely,

Heather A. Rehil-Crest

Resident/ homeowner in Athol, Idaho  
Business owner in Coeur d'Alene ID

**From:** [Jim Pippin](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed rule change by idaho DHW [External Email]  
**Date:** Monday, September 23, 2019 10:01:01 AM

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It is my understanding that IDHW is proposing to allow citizens to change their gender on certificate of birth. I strongly oppose such a rule change. Further, I am appalled that a Department of government would even propose such a change on their own.

Sent from my iPad Air

**From:** [Joyce VanLoon](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Gender Agenda [External Email]  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019 7:41:37 PM

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

There are ONLY 2 genders. God created them, male and female.

In these times we need to use common sense. Don't cave to the demands of people who appear to be confused, indoctrinated, and mentally ill. Leave the birth certificates alone.

Joyce VanLoon

LEGAL Idaho Voter

**From:** [Kathleen Michaud](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Idaho Birth Certificates and Gender [External Email]  
**Date:** Monday, September 23, 2019 1:18:42 PM

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Absolutely, I support the update of gender on birth certificates, for any person who feels they have been mislabeled.

Sincerely, Kathleen Michaud, PhD

**From:** [Kendra Westerhaus](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed changes to IDAPA Rule regarding Amendment of Indicator of Gender [External Email]  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019 3:52:27 PM

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing regarding the proposed change to IDAPA 16.02.08 relating to Vital Statistics in the matter of amending the indicator of gender on one's birth certificate. I urge you not to change this rule, as it will have negative consequences on Idaho's citizens.

I have been a licensed psychologist in the state of Idaho for six years. I predominantly work with children, adolescents, and families. I have worked with several transgender youth and their families in this time.

There has been a legal shift in representation of gender on legal documents. According to the Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund, the U.S. Department of State changed their policy on January 28, 2011 to allow for a change of sex marker on their birth certificate. According to Lambda Legal, 47 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico now allow for changes to sex markers on birth certificates. Idaho became one of these 47 states in April of 2018, following the court case *F.V. v. Barron et al.*

A survey published in the American Academy of Pediatrics (Toomey, Syvertsen, & Shramko, 2018) indicated that transgender, gender non-conforming, and questioning youth had higher rates of suicide attempts than non-gender dysphoric male or female youth. The prevalence was highest in female to male adolescents, 50.8% of whom reported a suicide attempt (compared to 17.6% of non-gender dysphoric female adolescents and 9.8% of non-gender dysphoric male adolescents). Another study showed that using one's chosen name, in line with one's gender identity, reduced depressive symptoms, suicidal ideation, and suicidal behavior among transgender youth (Russell, Pollitt, Li, & Grossman, 2018).

When individuals who are transgender – youth included – use their chosen name and identified gender their risk of suicide is significantly reduced. The change which resulted following *F.V. v. Barron et al.* allowed for this. Changing this policy now would be detrimental and possibly dangerous to Idaho's transgender citizens.

There has been no cost associated with this change beyond printing fees. There have been no adverse effects due to this change. Changing this policy now could lead to higher costs associated with treatment of depression and suicidality in individuals who are transgender, and possible adverse effects of increased depression and suicidality. The published numbers of individuals who have changed their gender marker since this rule took effect is small. This policy does not affect the majority of Idahoans but has a large effect on those it does impact. I urge you not to change this policy.

Sincerely,

Kendra Westerhaus, Ph.D.

**From:** [lisa\\_ware](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Transgender birth certificate rule [External Email]  
**Date:** Monday, September 23, 2019 9:16:30 AM

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To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to voice my opinion on the proposed transgender birth certificate rule in FAVOR of requiring both parental consent and a signed form from a doctor, for those under 18 years of age, "stating that in their professional judgment the requested change of sex designation accurately reflects the gender to which the resistant identifies." Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Mikolyski

**From:** [Nancy Walker](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Changing gender on certificate of live birth. [External Email]  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019 12:17:25 PM

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I am sending this to let you know I am opposing this . Changing gender on birth certificates. What gender you are born with is the gender you are , not putting on there what you think you want to be. . We are given a gender by Almighty God and that is what we are. Praying that people turn to God .

**From:** [happy-pills](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Birth Certificate Change. [External Email]  
**Date:** Monday, September 23, 2019 12:31:16 PM

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To Whom It may concern. Changing the Birth Certificate and doing away with what a person's sex was/is at birth should still be on record if the person has not physically changed their sex from male to female, or female to male. They are still physically a male with male sex organs or female with female sex organs.

Should a person change their sexual orientation from male to female or female to male physically, then change their birth certificate to the new physical sex.

We trust that the taxpayers are not being billed for their physical sex change and that the person having the physical sex change is responsible for the cost of their operation.

Thank you,  
Nedda and Kerry Field.  
Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [Pam Mikolyski](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Please be the voice for the lost children [External Email]  
**Date:** Monday, September 23, 2019 5:19:00 PM

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I am writing in regards to this deal where kids under 18 can have their sex changed if they go thru the proper channels... I also understand that if a Dr. Signs

Or anyone else that meets the criteria that child can get the sex changed on the live birth certificate....

I feel we as mature adults must not succumb to the ways of this world.

God being the creator of each one of us, there was no mistake when the sex was Evidence at birth...

We would be making a grave mistake to give into these children, what an unjust unloving act...We must guild them on what it right...

Why is it a person can't serve our country until their 18, why is that kids can't drive until their 15 1/2 , why is we couldn't drink unless we were 18/21 and why is it

That we have to be 18 to get married without consent...

Well, because the brain is not developed enough to be responsible , the brain is

Still maturing and developing....so why on earth would we even put this up to have a choice.... the whole world has gone mad, people...please stand to do not allow this to pass....save these kids from them self and or their parents who are misguided as well...

Thank you

Pam Mikolyski

Emmett Idaho

**From:** [Rod VanLoon](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Gender agenda [External Email]  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019 7:39:26 PM

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Please let common sense prevail. Since the creation there has only been two genders- male and female. Let's stick with what God Himself created. No need to mess with the birth certificates.

Rod VanLoon

**From:** [Shauna Jones](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Trans Idahoans [External Email]  
**Date:** Monday, September 23, 2019 11:30:03 PM

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I am the mother of a transgender child, and I know how important it is to have an avenue to make personal documents match gender identity. I am grateful that Idaho allows gender marker changes on birth certificates, and fully support the transgender community in being able to make the changes necessary to feel safe and seen in their home state.

Thanks,  
Shauna Jones  
Eagle, Idaho

**From:** [Stanton Widmer](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Birth Certificate Gender Change Rule [External Email]  
**Date:** Monday, September 23, 2019 8:04:49 PM

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It has come to my attention that changes are underway to allow Idahoans to change the gender listed on birth certificates.

I write to strongly encourage all who have any say in the decision-making process to quickly make policy to permanently stop allowing that such changes occur. In all but the most rare of circumstances, a person is born as one of two sexes: male or female. Birth certificates should correctly reflect the sex of the child at birth. Birth certificates are an important legal record, and they should be factually correct. A person stating he or she identifies as a gender other than their sex at birth is a personal decision that ignores the facts of biology and physiology. If a person, or even a group of people, decides to self-identify as a donkey, the rest of society is not obligated to make changes to factual representations of existing conditions because of the expressed preferences of that person or group.

If the state of Idaho continues to allow such changes, why not also allow changes to race or other physical characteristics based on personal preference? A Caucasian individual might say that he or she identifies as African American, but such a personal wish does not change the facts of the person's race.

It is hard to believe that such a discussion is even necessary. Please make the common-sense decision to truthfully reflect each baby's sex at the time of birth on Idaho's Birth Certificates.

Sincerely,

Stanton Widmer

**From:** [Susan Martin PsyD](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Vital statistics rule for Transgender people [External Email]  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019 12:02:43 PM  
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**Tamara Prisock,**  
**Department of Health and Welfare- Administrative Rules Unit,**  
**450 W. State Street - 10th Floor, P.O. Box 83720**  
**Boise, ID 83720-0036**

Dear Ms. Prisock,

The 2018 federal court ruling needs to be upheld and Idaho needs to continue letting transgender people change their genders on their birth certificates in response to this ruling. Anti-discrimination laws in most U.S. cities and states do not protect transgender people from discrimination based on gender identity or gender expression. Consequently, transgender people face discrimination in nearly every aspect of their lives. Idaho needs to be advocate for transgender rights, including social and economic justice.

Best regards,

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**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** change of birth certificate [External Email]  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019 9:40:54 PM

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Please stop letting people change their genders. Idaho was not violating the constitution no matter what an activist federal court ruled. For thousands of years people have known there is only male and female from birth. All this transgender madness is nothing more than a twentieth century construct. Thank you for your consideration. Warren Campbell, Bonners Ferry



Idaho

September 23, 2019

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**Re: ACLU comments on DHW Vital Statistics rule docket 16-0208-1901 requiring minors to seek a medical attestation before approval to change their gender marker on their Idaho birth certificate**

Ms. Prisock members of the Department of Health Welfare and Vital Statistics:

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Idaho asks the Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) and Vital Statistics to consider the following comments on the proposed rule IDAPA 16.02.08 – Vital Statistics rules docket no. 16-0208-1901:

In accordance with the court ruling in *F.V. v. Barron* (2018), the ACLU of Idaho supports Vital Statistics' rule 201. Completion and Correction of Certificates which now permits adult transgender Idahoans to change the gender marker on their Idaho birth certificate to be consistent with their gender identity through self-attestation. In doing so, it affirms an individuals' gender expression, provides for consistency among legal identity documents which in turn can reduce harassment and public safety threats for transgender Idahoans.

However, we oppose the proposed change to section 201.06. Amendment of Indicator of Gender, subsections a.ii.(6) and b. that singles out minors under the age of eighteen for an unnecessary medical attestation requirement in order for them to change the gender marker on their Idaho birth certificate. The Court's order in *F.V. v. Barron* cautioned the State against creating any new rule that would "subject one class of people to any more onerous burdens than the burdens placed on others without constitutionally-appropriate justification" (Order at 18), including the need to provide medical evidence. The new requirement to provide a medical attestation signed by a licensed professional (physician, psychiatrist, nurse practitioner, physician's assistant, psychologist, or professional counselor) for applicants under the age of eighteen does not comply with the Court's guidance in the creation of such a rule.

Despite the DHW's asserted rational for the inclusion of this amendment to section 201.06, stating that it ensures the veracity of information and "advances the public health, safety, and welfare of minors because it ensures the decision to amend the sex designation is informed and supported by independent professional judgment", there have been no known issues since the rule was implemented on April 6, 2018. In fact, at a May 16, 2019 Board of Health and Welfare meeting, James Aydelotte, in his official capacity as State Registrar and Chief of the Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics, reported that within the year the DHW has administered the rule, 15 minors have successfully applied to change their gender marker on their birth certificate, with no documented complications.



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## Idaho

Those 15 successful applications by minors confirms that self-reporting one's gender identity, like many of the other self-reported characteristics that are required on official government documents, does not jeopardize the veracity of state documents. Instead, it confirms that transgender people know themselves best and removes unnecessary and discriminatory burdens that transgender people may face at the hands of government actors.

In addition, any medical attestation requirement presents real and troubling hurdles. First – there is a limited number of medical providers in Idaho who treat young people who are transgender, which is further exacerbated because access can be even more limited if an applicant resides in one of Idaho's many rural communities with even fewer medical options than urban hubs. Second – there are increasing reports of healthcare denials for transgender patients as a result of provider refusals. See, e.g., *Minton v. Dignity Health*, No. A153662 (Ca. App. Sep. 17, 2019) (hospital cancels surgery for transgender patient based on religious objections to treatment for transgender people). And third – meeting with a licensed healthcare professional to secure a medical attestation may present too high a financial burden for some to overcome, effectively blocking their ability to match their identity documents with their gender identity.

Further, requiring a medical attestation for applicants under the age of 18, as opposed to the parental consent procedure currently in place, infringes on the parental rights enshrined in Idaho Code 32-1010. Section (2) specifically provides that “the interests of the parents includes the high duty and right to nurture and direct their children's destiny, including their upbringing and education,” and section (5) states that “governmental efforts that restrict or interfere with these fundamental rights are only permitted if that restriction or interference satisfies the strict scrutiny standard provided in section 32-1013, Idaho Code.” And with no documented complications regarding the current application process for minors, there is no justifiable basis – procedurally or legally – for the State to interfere with the directive of parents regarding what they believe is in the best interest of their child.

According to a 2015 National Center on Transgender Equality survey, one-third (32%) of individuals who have shown IDs that did not match their presentation reported negative experiences, such as being harassed, denied services, and/or attacked. The critical need for securing identity documents that matches one's gender identity ensures that all transgender Idahoans can maneuver through daily life without fear of discrimination or jeopardizing their physical safety. For these reasons, we strongly urge the DHW and Vital Statistics to remove the medical attestation requirement for minors and ensure that all transgender Idahoans have equal access to changing the gender marker on their birth certificate.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathy Griesmyer".

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To Whom It May Concern:

In reference to the codes listed below, I have enclosed a statement.

As a woman and an EMS Provider, I am strongly opposed to the proposed rules regarding allowing the indicator of gender to be changed on the certificates of live birth, because:

- 1) Gender is determined by God. Lifestyle is a choice. It does not matter what someone puts on a piece of paper; every part of a person's genetic makeup has been scientifically proven to be either male or female, including brain function (i.e. thought processing, relations to others, etc.).
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This issue is much larger than merely "changing" the gender on a birth certificate.

Sincerely,  
Alicia Seigler, NREMT

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Are you prepared to deal with the major consequences of this decision?

Sincerely,  
April Seigler, NREMT

**From:** [Benjamin Grammer](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Allowing Birth Certificate Gender Changes - Opposed [External Email]  
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To whom it may concern,

Please note my objection to allowing changes to gender on birth certificates in the State of Idaho.

**Birth certificates should not be amendable from the fact of sex at birth.**

Here are a few thoughts to add if such feedback is desired.

If such a change is allowed, then every item on the birth certificate should be allowed to change. Date of birth and place of birth are also facts about the birth of an individual that are recorded on the certificate. If one fact is allowed to change, what is the point of the certificate?

We have already seen what sexual perversions take place when men are allowed to call themselves women and enter bathrooms etc. Much has been documented about the pictures and video these men take of our families. How much more when men can change to a woman officially on their birth certificate? Men will enter women sporting events, etc.

The main issue is one of truth. If I can no longer say with any certainty that men are men and women are women (one of the most basic foundations of everything it means to be a human) then why can I not also call myself the President of the United States or any other equally ridiculous and unfounded claim?

Best regards,  
Ben

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Ben Grammer

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**From:** [Camille L.](#)  
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I oppose birth certificates to be altered!!! Thank you!

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**Subject:** Public comment on proposed rule change to allow gender to be altered on birth certificates: DOCKET NO. 16-0208-1801 [External Email]  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 5:51:15 PM

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Hello Idaho Legislators,

Please see my comments about the proposed rule change to allow gender to be altered on birth certificates: DOCKET NO. 16-0208-1801.

My first point to make about this issue is that this only became a rule in the first place due to the actions or inaction of 3 people in our whole state. That is not how our representative form of government is supposed to work, and I hope that you will do everything you can do remedy this situation and repeal the rule completely. If you still want to pass this, then please go through the proper procedures to do so.

I also need to make one additional comment about how rules are passed. I understand that rules regarding the budget must be passed by the House and Senate, but the other types of rules do not. My freedom is more important to me than the budget, so I would like you to ensure that my freedom can't be restricted without a consensus of both House and Senate in the future.

I'd like to start by saying that I support Transgender people and I want them to live with equality of opportunity and the support they need from the community. There are actually reasons that this rule could hurt the Trans community, so we really need to be careful that what we are doing to help is not inadvertently going to do harm to the Trans and the Non-Trans communities.

This rule was passed based on one erroneous court ruling that the Governor should have appealed when it happened, and one politician in our Idaho Legislature that kept the issue from coming to the House floor for debate "because this is an election year" and he didn't want any controversy.

The reason the court ruling is erroneous, is because transgender people are not a protected class under the Idaho Constitution right now, so the ruling that we were violating the constitutional rights of transgender people was not correct and should have been appealed to a higher court.

Regardless of that, the way that a single Legislator, Rep. Fred Wood, was able to put this rule/law in place is because he is the head of the Health and Welfare committee, which handles these rules, and he refused to put it up for debate and a vote. The way our current rule making system works, if the temporary law put in place by the court order sits long enough, it AUTOMATICALLY BECOMES LAW. That's right, no public comments, no legislative debate, no vote. The other legislators said they wanted to discuss it and vote on it, but Fred refused. We cannot have a system that has loopholes like this where the temptation to do something unethical (which this was) can sway our elected officials into supporting their election over supporting the people of Idaho. This is a major issue with the current system.

Some of the reasons that being able to change gender on birth certificates is a bad idea are:

- It actually puts transgender people at risk
  - Trans people have gone into the emergency room and have been treated as the opposite gender and in one case, a [trans male had a stillborn baby](#), because they treated "him" as if "he" was a biological man. This is when they knew he was trans. Imagine what can happen if someone comes in unconscious, with an ID that says the opposite sex. This could prove fatal for a patient.
  - Data scientists use gender data as part of their analysis to discover medical treatments and cures. If people have their gender mislabeled, it will hurt the research for transgenders and non-trans people.
- As a society, we do need to know the actual sex of the people living in our communities, so we can track trends over time, and ensure we have the resources we need to support people. Our public records need to be based on fact, not feelings.
- It is anti-science. The DNA of every person on this planet is either male or female, and fraction of 1% are intersex, but most intersex people still pick a gender and keep that gender for their whole lives. An argument was made that if anyone was going to change their sex on their birth certificate, intersex and hermaphrodite people should be the only people allowed to change their sex, if there was a more accurate representation of their bodies after going through puberty.
- It makes a huge loophole for criminals. While not all people who would want to do this would be criminals, a small portion would be, and biological males could use this to be included in the reserved spaces of women. Even more important is that the police would not be able to do their jobs, since the ID of a person would say a woman, but if they see a person that is a biological male, they would have no way of linking that person to a reported crime.

Thank you for working to support what is best for Idaho today and what's best for the future of this great state.

God Bless you.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Hunt  
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Athol, Idaho 83801  
208-967-5453

**From:** [Jane Post](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Transgender birth certificate rule [External Email]  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 7:56:30 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the transgender birth certificate rules in Idaho. A transgender person should have the easiest route possible to change their gender on their birth certificate. Transgender people may have many challenges in their life and I believe their government should be helping them rather than hindering them in living their full lives.

Jane Gheen Post

**From:** [John P](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Transgender birth certificate rule [External Email]  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 8:25:09 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the transgender birth certificate rule.

I strongly believe transgender people should be able to change the gender listed on their birth certificate to align with their true identity.

The freedom to be our true selves is fundamental to the American experience. Aligning the birth certificate gender with who someone fundamentally is makes sense.

Sincerely,

John W Post  
Boise  
208-890-7575

**From:** [Stephen Seigler Family](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
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Are we all prepared to deal with the repercussions of this decision?

Respectfully,  
Kristina Seigler  
Kamiah, Idaho



**From:** [Leslie Edwards](#)  
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Hello,

Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii (PPVNH) is submitting the attached comments in response to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Vital Statistics Rule 16-0208-1901, requiring minors to obtain a medical attestation before changing the gender indicator on their birth certificate. Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Thanks,

**Leslie Edwards** ([she/her](#))

Public Policy Analyst

Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii

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DOCKET No. 16-0208-1801

Concerning the proposed DOCKET No. 16-0208-1801

A person is born with either a vagina - female, or a penis - male. Please leave the babies and children alone. Let them decide when they become adults as to what they think-feel they are. Just let them be children to play, explore and learn. Stop using genitals, skin color and sexual preference for political agendas..stop using people!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Linda VandeWeg  
Citizen of the United States  
In Bonner County of Idaho

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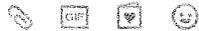
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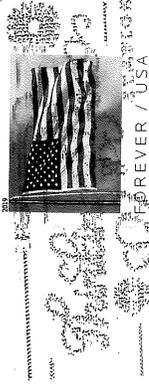
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**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding allowing transgender folks to change their birth certificates [External Email]  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 3:50:40 PM

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Greetings.

I am writing to respectfully request that transgender folks be allowed to change the gender marker on their birth certificates. This is important for many reasons, including the following:

- **Due Process and a Right to Privacy:** The Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution protects an individual's right to privacy. Transgender folks have a right to keep sensitive information about their gender private. Not allowing for one of the basic "gate-keeping" documents of a person's life (their birth certificate) to be changed to accurately reflect their gender (which can be legally changed on many other documentations) denies them that right.
- **Constitutional Equal Protection:** To deny an individual's right to change their birth certificate gender marker is to discriminate on the basis of sex-based characteristics and transgender status, which goes against Constitutional equal protection guarantees in the Equal Protection Clause. Transgender folks have a right to equal protection.
- **Free Speech:** Not allowing an individual to change their birth certificate gender marker forces transgender individuals to send an inaccurate message about their gender - compelling them to engage in unwanted expression about the most sensitive of subjects. This runs counter to the protections under the First Amendment which prevent the government from forcing individuals into sending messages with which they disagree.
- In addition to the Constitutionally-based reasons given above, I would add that transgender folks being able to have access to birth certificates that accurately represent their gender is of paramount importance in terms of enjoying public life (employment, housing, etc.) and personal safety (from harassment and violence).
- Lastly, I would add that Idaho is one of only a handful of American jurisdictions that do not currently allow transgender folks to change their gender marker on their birth certificates. Even now there are legal organizations suing jurisdictions in courts about this issue, with cases working their way through the system. And despite the conservative majority in the highest court of this land, these cases tend to come down to Constitutional

interpretation which also tends to favor the rights of individuals in these cases. Save Idaho taxpayers the money it would take to litigate these cases. That money could surely be better used for other, more pressing matters.

I thank you kindly for your time and attention in reading my message. It is appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Johnsen

**From:** [Lyn N. McArthur](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** changing gender on birth certificates [External Email]  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 1:02:25 PM

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Good afternoon. My name is Dr. Lyn McArthur and I am a psychologist working in southeastern Idaho. The company that I works for cares for individuals who identify as transgender. I support the rule to allow changing of gender. This transition typically occurs well into an individual's transition period. I have seen the sense of relief and improved sense of self that occurs when a person's gender is adjusted to match their own perception. I understand that most states in our union have made this change, and I support Idaho sticking with last year's decision to allow individuals this opportunity when necessary.

I also want to express my deep sense of hurt for individuals who identify as trans in relation to Representative Heather Scott's legislative update. The picture she chose appeared to many who saw it to poke fun at individuals who identify as trans. The risk of suicide attempts and completions for individuals who identify as trans are much higher than in the general population, and society's tendency to ridicule these individuals is pervasive and disturbing. Representative Scott's depiction was insensitive and irresponsible, and as an Idahoan, I am embarrassed to see a state representative behaving in this manner. I respect her opinions and agree that a hearing to discuss this matter is appropriate and needed, but I do not find her behavior to be appropriate as a leader in our state.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Lyn McArthur, Ph.D.  
Licensed Psychologist  
208-232-6260 x1013

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To Whom it May Concern:

Birth certificates from Idaho should NOT be amendable from the fact or truth of sex at birth.  
TRUTH is TRUTH.

A gravely concerned citizen,  
Mary Grammer  
[mtgrammer@gmail.com](mailto:mtgrammer@gmail.com)

**From:** [chivyman@aol.com](mailto:chivyman@aol.com)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** change of birth certificate [External Email]  
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Dear Health and Welfare,

I do not agree with the changing of birth certificates and I want this rule repealed immediately.

Thank you,

Melanie Vander Feer  
Precinct Committeeman  
Kootenai County  
District 2.

**From:** [Michael Tidd](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Transgender birth certificate change. [External Email]  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 10:28:47 PM

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I am opposed to allowing an individual to change their gender on their birth certificate. Their birth certificate should indicate their biological gender. Unless they have had a gender reassignment their genital organs define their gender.

Individuals younger than 18 should be required to have approval of both parents and/or legal guardian as well as doctor and psychologist to sign off on the change.

Individuals 18 or older should have a doctor and psychologist sign off on performing the record change.

If an individual has not received the sign off by a psychologist and doctor, and parents if the individual is younger than 18, they should not be allowed to change their gender on their birth certificate.

There are valid medical reasons for clearly stating your biological gender. Males and females are predisposed to different medical disease and biological processes and thus it is imperative that medical professionals know your true biological gender, not an individuals fictional gender.

Even after a gender reassignment, your gender biology still affects your predisposition to certain medical diseases, complications and issues.

Altering this important biological gender information puts the patient at risk or misdiagnosis and the medical professionals at risk for malpractice suits.

Michael Tidd, LVN/LPN  
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**From:** [Miranda Taylor](#)  
**To:** [DHWRules Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** IDHW Docket No: 16-0208-1901 [External Email]  
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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in objection to the proposal to make changing the gender marker on a birth certificate more difficult. The process is already difficult enough so making it harder will only cause more mental health issues.

In parenting my youngest child, my heart was ripped open as he secluded himself more and more from people each day. As breasts grew in, he would pray and hope for breast cancer because having a mastectomy or being dead was better than having breasts. He would be absolutely humiliated when he'd have to put on a dress for church or orchestra concerts. After I realized that he doesn't identify as female, I understood the cruelty in making him wear clothing he is not comfortable in.

He is still struggling to go outside as he hates his body. This child was so excited to get his driver's license after drivers education, but after seeing the female name on his learner's permit, he lost all ambition for that. A teenager has to be in serious distress to not seek out the freedom of driving and resorting to spending time in his room because of his appearance. Now that he has progressed in the name change department, he is beginning to once again gain hope of getting that drivers license. I'm not totally certain as to why the fear, hate, and anger is brewing up towards people like my son. He has lived an exemplary life. He has earned up to his silver award for Girl Scouts (which his dysphoria caused him to give up before he could get his gold award). He also earned a bronze presidential award for service three years in a row. On many occasions, I have had adults call me regarding his inclusiveness. In one case, the child was special needs and his class was on a field trip. He spent his time with this peer because he didn't want her to be alone. He's always thinking of others. He's not some sex crazed psycho whom I was once brainwashed into believing would rape my children if they went into a public bathroom without me. As a matter of fact, every single transgender, non-binary or gender neutral person who I have met has been kinder and gentler than those of us who protest their existence. It's really none of our business what their genitals are. It is our business to love one another and treat them with kindness. If loving them means accepting the identity they relate to, then why is it so hard to choose love. Instead of being angry, more people should get to know a transgender person personally. They can learn for themselves who transgender people are and not resort to the fears someone else has instilled in them. The process to change their gender identity should not cause a person to contemplate suicide in lieu of a never-ending, time and money consuming process.

I hope you will read and process my letter in the tone I have written it in (love and compassion for this marginalized group of people) and with an open mind. Having been conservative my entire life, I can't understand the process behind the discrimination against a population. To me, it's like approving abortion or domestic abuse. I thought we were much better than that.

In conclusion, I feel that tightening the process for changing the gender on a birth certificate is unnecessary as it causes mental health issues and causes the process (which is difficult enough) to become nearly impossible to one who has little hope to begin with. Please accept my thoughts and comments.

Sincerely  
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Please see the attached comment.

Regards,  
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Some of the things I most value about Idaho is our professed small government and our sense of community. That is why I am so disheartened to see our state legislature actively harming so many of our transgender brothers and sisters. I think our lawmakers need to spend more time getting to know the people they are affecting before they take steps to actively harm and dishearten a small but meaningful chunk of their constituency. I am sad to see the work that is being done and the rhetoric flying at those who are so often under attack. Please drop this silly challenge and let our Idahoan brothers and sisters find some peace in their own skin.

Sincerely,

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Dear Tamara Prisock,

I have read with interest the controversy around the ruling allowing the change of the sex on a birth certificate. That change does not change the facts surrounding the facts at the time of birth. It becomes a government document that now has no value. Why even bother? A persons sex was determined long before birth and cannot be changed at some future date. Man and woman, that is what we are. There are not over 100 classifications.. there are two. Transgender feelings are a mental disorder. They should be treated and helped not facilitated and accommodated by bureaucrats. The problem is also being increased by those same bureaucrats that demand that these lies be taught to young school children. This causes them great confusion. No matter how many laws are passed/changed to facilitate these, the truth can not be changed. All of this does not make wrong right it only brings more sadness and confusion and takes away many rights from people: The right to privacy in bathroom and dressing rooms, the right to religious freedom, it facilitates sexual offenders and empowers them. The changing of a birth certificate may seem like a small thing, but it is adding to the problem.

Thank you for listening. May you have a wonderful day.

Sincerely,  
Sally Price

Sin, even if legalized by man, is still sin in the eyes of God.

**From:** [Stephen Seigler Family](#)  
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have some comments in reference to the codes listed below.

As a man, husband, father, and an EMS provider, I am strongly opposed to the proposed rules regarding allowing the indicator of gender to be changed on the certificates of live birth, because:

- 1) Gender is determined by God. Lifestyle is a choice. Every part of a person's genetic makeup has been scientifically proven to be either male or female, including brain function (i.e. thought processing, relations to others, etc.).
- 2) I am not comfortable going to a doctor without knowing if this doctor is really a woman or a man. How would it be possible beforehand to know if any doctor is a "woman" or a "man" without discrimination?
- 3) As a parent, I have great concerns with my little girl participating in any activity, or even going to school, while being under the supervision of a legal "woman". Red flags should be violently waving and sirens should be blaring the obvious warnings about people who are wanting everyone to know they have decided to walk around as someone they are not.
- 4) I do not believe it is wise to allow someone who believes today that they should be a different gender, to have the authority to "change" their gender. They are deciding to place themselves higher than God Himself, and the natural process of mankind. Will this person decide at a later date that other rules or laws do not apply to him or her?
- 5) How does one determine what their child's gender should be? Is it determined by how the parent feels today, if they would rather have a son this time, what they are under the influence of (be it friends, medication, or...)? If a parent chooses the gender to be different from actuality, what happens to the child- sex change operations?
- 6) The healthcare system is already strained by lifestyle choices. What will result with these kinds of changes? Some health issues are gender specific. Is there to be a field on the patient health record form for "was male, now female"? What confusion will result with medical professionals when treating these patients?
- 7) I also have great concerns about similar things being pursued in the future. Might a "professional" from wherever determine what gender my grandchild should be?

Are we all prepared to deal with the repercussions of this decision?

Sincerely,  
Stephen Seigler, NRAEMT  
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I oppose birth certificates to be altered. The birth certificate is a vital record, documenting the birth of a child. This information is used for so many things. It needs to remain factual and true.

Respectfully,  
Tamara Price

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone